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'Norman charged in and gored me with a dirty three-inch penknife' **PAGES 16, 17**

over the past 24 hours. I

appeal to everyone and all

those with influence to call for

an end to violence immediate-

ly. I understand the frustra-

tion, but demonstrating in this

way does no one any good.

But in spite of her appeal, the IRA stepped up its cam-

paign last night with a series of bomb warnings to Belfast

hotels. Rioters were also back

on the streets of the city and in

other towns, throwing petrol

bombs at the security forces

and hijacking and burning vehicles. In south Belfast, a

body was found near the scene

of a small explosion on the nationalist Dunmurry estate.

Dr Mowlam was criticised

by nationalists for allowing

the Drumeree march to go

ahead and leaders of resi-

dents' groups in Garvaghy

Road and the Lower Ormean Road in Belfast - which could

be the next flashpoint on

Saturday - said that they

wanted nothing to do with her

Brenda McKenna of the

Garvaghy Residents' Coali-

resign:

betrayed."

tion said Dr Mowlam should

"We have

Gerry Adams, the president

of Sinn Fein, said the Govern-

ment had failed its first real

test. "Once again the Orange

card has triumphed. The ques-

tion Mr Blair must answer is

how does he propose to bridge the huge gulf which the Garvaghy Road decision has

But the Prime Minister backed Dr Mowlam, and he

was said to have had a

"positive and constructive"

conversation with the Irish

Prime Minister, Bertie Ahern,

who has been muted in his

criticism of the Government.

believing that Dr Mowlam

went out of her way to try to

secure a compromise between

Further conflict seems likely

the two sides.

And it costs us dear.



Libby Purves praises the counsellors who had the bottle to quit PAGE 20



Mowlam tries to reassure Catholics

Ulster faces second night of violence

By Nicholas Watt, Chief Ireland Correspondent

police Land Rovers poured nto the village of Bellaghy in Northern Ireland last night to try to prevent clashes between Orange marchers and local Roman Catholics.

Loyalists agreed to restrict their march through the vilage in Co Londonderry after the rioting that accompanied the parade at Drumcree on Sunday. Nevertheless, Catholies hurled bricks and placards at police in riot gear who had formed a cordon to sepa-

rate the two groups.

The Bellaghy parade was rerouted as Mo Mowlam, the Northern Ireland Secretary, indicated that she would take a tougher approach to the Protestant marching season next year. She made clear that she would adopt the North Report, which recommended that the Independent Parades Commission should decide whether contentious parades

should go ahead. In the meantime, she was seeking more flexibility from Orange Order leaders, whom she met at Stormont Castle last night. "I expect to see some willingness and under-

SCORES of armour-plated words and actions during the trated violence we have seen days ahead. There can and should be no triumphalism."

She was referring to the violence on Sunday might after the RUC allowed Orangemen to march down the Catholic Garvaghy Road into Porta-down under guard of 1,500 police and troops. In the most serious republican riots since the 1981 hunger strikes, youths hijacked and burnt cars while the IRA and the INLA launched gun and bomb attacks on police stations across

More than 100 people were hurt in the clashes, including 46 police. Two 14-year-old boys were still seriously ill in hospital yesterday a Roman Cottoble his in the bead by Catholic hit in the head by a plastic bullet, and a Protestant who was hit on the shoulder by a stray bullet as gummen opened fire on the police.

The RUC said that there were 548 attacks on the security forces during the night.
221 hijackings and 691 petrol bombings. Police fired 1,600 plastic bullets and a number of live rounds, and 41 people-

Dr Mowlam understood nastanding of the events of this tionalist anger, but said weekend reflected in their Nothing justifies the orches-



One of the injured victims of the coach crash is carried to safety. The most seriously hurt were ferried to hospital by three helicopters

Pupils die in French bus crash

By Adrian Lee IN MOUTIERS SUSAN BELL

TWO British teenagers died and 25 of their companions were in hospital last night after a coach carrying them on

a school holiday fell 70ft into a ravine in the French Alps. Nicola Moore, 16, was killed instantly when, without warning, the coach veered off the narrow winding road between the villages of Notre Dame du Pre and Longefoy.

As anxious parents and teachers gathered at St James's Church of England School in Farnworth, Bolton, they were told that Robert Boardman, 14, had died in hospital from his injuries.

His best friend, Keith Riddings, 14, who was sitting beside him on the coach, was taken in a critical condition to a hospital in Moûtiers. Later, as arrangements were made to fly out his mother, he was transferred to a specialist head

on Saturday morning, when Orangemen attempt to march injuries unit in Grenoble. David Bowes, headmaster down the Lower Ormean Road to join the main July 12 of St James's School, said: parade in Belfast city centre. Gerard Rice of the Lower Everyone is numb with shock. Two families are grieving and we grieve with them." Ormeau Concerned Community said he would oppose The youngsters, aged be-tween 11 and 16, were on a the march, while Orangemen were adamant that it would go ahead. The final decision will week's adventure holiday and had been rock climbing and white water rafting. They were

party of 46 for a visit to a popular rock climbing site. The French police were still investigating the cause of the crash last night. It happened in perfect weather on what

they described as a "very narrow and dangerous road They said no other vehicle had been involved. However, Michel Barnier. president of the regional coun-

cil for the Haute Savoie departement said that although the road at the point where the bus crashed was narrow, it was straight and had recently been relaid. He said: "It is a route that demands attention, but at that

point there are no bends. The front right wheel caught on the edge of the road. The bus lost its balance and gradually toppled off the road. Police officers were waiting



Nicola Moore: the girl

separated from the rest of the at the bedside of the British driver, who was in intensive care after suffering broken ribs in the crash. Last night, a French government official said that although the investigation was proceeding, driver error appeared to be the most

likely cause of the accident. The party had switched to a locally rented French vehicle after their own coach broke down. French vehicles do not have to meet such strict safety standards as British coaches. It was not known last night whether the French coach was fitted with seat belts.

Lieutenant-Colonel Bernard Belondrade, for the police, described how the coach had careered off the road and into the gorge. It then slammed against a tree and toppled onto its side. Witnesses said that the dense forest prevented the green and white coach falling still further and causing even

more casualties. Three helicopters took the most seriously injured to two hospitals at Moutiers and Bourg-St Maurice. Jean-Claude Gayssot, the Transport Minister, visited the njured last night.

Brian Pullen, the British consul who also saw the injured youngsters, said: "Not all them are well enough to be told that two of their friends have died. They are all very shocked and very distressed." He added that many of the children had cuts and bruises. but ten had sustained more

serious injuries. Mr Bowes told pupils of the accident at a special assembly. Many of those who knew the dead and injured went home in tears as others stood around in groups waiting for further news. The Foreign Office said

there had been 27 people on the coach, including the 16 schoolchildren, six other teenagers, four adults and the

The pupils had been staying in the mountain village of Peisey-Nancroix, 20 minutes' drive from the ski resort of Les Arcs, and about 15 miles from the scene of the accident. The area is a popular destination

for British tourists.

The party travelled from Bolton to France last Friday in Coaches of Stockport, Greater Manchester, the Confederation of Passenger Transport UK said. However, the vehicle broke down on Saturday and a local French coach was hired to replace it, with Charterplan driver behind the

In the Commons, David Blunkett, the Education and Employment Secretary, express his sorrow: "We would all wish to send our best wishes and condolences to

Parents wait, page 3

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Shots shatter boys' football dreams

By AUDREY MAGEE AND NICHOLAS WATT

THE two boys of 14 from either side of the sectarian divide who were injured after being shot during the rioting in Belfast had career prospects as goalkeepers with leading English teams. Craig McCann, a Protes-

iant, was shot above the heart by Republican gunmen as he peered over the wall of the peace line dividing Protestant and Catholic Belfast. He is goalkeeper with the local Protestant Shankill team and was to go for a trial with Chelsea later this summer. He recently returned from a cross-community trip of Protestants and Catholics to Germany. He was out of intensive care last night. Gary Lawler, a Catholic, was shot in the back of the

head with a plastic bullet fired by police during rioting in nationalist West Belfast. He

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team. He has had trials in-Manchester and Liverpool. His condition was critical last

Phil, a 17-year-old friend who was beside Craig when never be able to play again. He said: "We were just hanghouse with guns. They fired at us - rat-tat-tat, it went. I ducked but Craig got hit. He jumped off the wall, walked

he was shot, said that Craig lived for football, but might ing over the wall when we saw two masked men come out of a

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Schools are

set test by

Blunkett

By JOHN O'LEARY

EDUCATION EDITOR

David Blunkett, the Educa-

standards in schools.

plays for the Catholic Newhill

night.
The boys underwent major surgery yesterday in separate Beliast hospitals.

across the grass and collapsed

with shock." The older of two children, Craig lives just off the Shankill Road in the heart of Protestant

Past glory, page 6 Sixteen of the children and three of their teachers had Gallery hopes to pull in the

due to return home on Friday.

A REVAMPED inspection service will spearhead the Government's assault on low

be left with the RUC.

tion and Employment Secretomed manner. tary, yesterday set a five-year target for improvement at every level of schooling. He promised "zero tolerance" of under performance and told schools that if they failed to raise achievement they would face intervention by local and and exhibited it.

national authorities. A summary of the White Paper, Excellence in Schools. is to be distributed in supermarkets. Schools will be given two terms' notice of an inspection, rather than the current five, and parents will meet the inspection team after, as well as before, a visit.

White Paper, page 10 Leading article, page 21 | guests would not expect to see

crowds with convenience art

By Dalya Alberge, arts correspondent

A LAVATORY, fully plumbed-in, is to be installed in one of Britain's leading galleries as a work of art. But guards at the Institute for Contemporary Arts in London will be on hand to tell visitors that they cannot treat it in the accus-

The latest sculpture from the British artist Sarah Lucas. 35, may look like an ordinary lavatory to the uninitiated. Indeed, it is an ordinary lavatory. But she gave it a title, The Great Flood, signed it, A German collector bought

it for what is believed to have been £12,000 last year and has agreed to lend it to the ICA for its summer exhibition opening on Saturday. The buyer had the lavatory plumbed into his house, according to Gregor Muir, co-curator of the ICA show. He did not know where but knew it was somewhere

Muir said. "In some ways it is it. Visitors to the ICA, which the taxpayer funds through a the ultimate involvement of £815,000-grant from the Arts the audience." The artist her-Council, will be allowed to self said yesterday she would pull the chain, but that is all. not mind if anyone did put her Mr Muir recalled that, work to functional use at the when the work was shown in Commenting on what Ms

Berlin, two members of the public showed their appreciation by putting it to good use. "They weren't stopped," Mr



ways, it is strikingly poetic . . . A bold twist on words." He places Ms Lucas on a pedestal as "one of the more interesting artists in Britain at the moment". She was hotly tipped to be shortlisted for the Turner Prize Critics have described her works as "winy. sharp and compassionare, and collectors are prepared to pay up to £16,000 to own one

Lucas was saying through the

title, Mr Muir said: "In some

Commenting on the ICA exhibit, the artist said: The toilet is everybody's great flood. The height of hygiene and getting rid of the bad



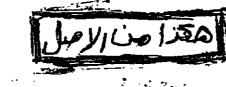
Owl found dead Paula, the eagle owl that made its home in St Paul's Cathedral, was found dead

after office workers saw it

is it my imagination?"

Kenya-born Wilson Kipketer, of Denmark, equalled Sebas-

Coe shares record tian Coe's l6-year-old 800 metres world record of lmin 4L73sec in Stockholm.



Hurricane Norman is forecast to go right on blowing

in a speech reported in The Times for March 21, 1892. "It is a very curious thing," he said. "the types of the House of Commons are constant, although the men change."

You have the foolish man .. the man with one idea ... You have the independent man ... you have the man who is a little cracked . . .

Then you have the weighty man. And, gentlemen, the gravity of a weighty man of the House of Commons is a thing

JOE Chamberlain put it best the world. I have never known amend the Animals (Scientific the House without a funny man ... When he dies ... there is another to take his

> This sketch hopes to chart the emergence, from the sea of still-unknown faces in our new Parliament, of each of these types. But today let us return to that Chamberlain speech. "Then you have the House of Commons bore.

Yesterday afternoon, Mr Norman Baker (Lib Dem. Lewes) asked the Home Secreto which there is no parallel in tary what plans he had to

Procedures) Act. 1986.

Mr Baker wanted to know about "xenotransplantation" and about the exploitation of animals for commercial gain something he considered "an abomination". He wanted less experiments and more inspectors. He wanted to know what the Government

were going to do about it. Taken in isolation, Mr Baker's question was coherent, if stated in rather dramatic language. You wander into the Chamber for the first time.



MATTHEW PARRIS **POLITICAL SKETCH**

hear him speak, and suppose you had seen just another dutiful backbench MP.

But that is because you would not have been in the Chamber on the previous 48 occasions on which Mr Baker has risen to tackle ministers since the new Commons sat. In some 34 sitting days, Baker has raised a bewildering variety of issues with everybody from the Prime Minister to the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster. This was his first question to the Home Secretary, so he seems to have

missed a trick. He does not miss many. The average MP makes four speeches per year, and if everyone is to have a turn, not

We have yet to know what Mr Baker's tally will be, but the outlook is grim.

Last week at Transport Questions he was in favour to getting people out of cars and into trains, but against further delays to a by-pass in his constituency. This came after what was (for Mr Baker) a long period of silence: three sitting days - possibly shellshock after 24 interventions in the Plant Varieties Bill the previous Tuesday and questions to the Prime Minister (Would he visit Lewes?) the day after. Baker expressed to Mr Blair, within the compass of a single enquiry, his views on investment in Health. Education and the Police, as well as his opinion on income tax rates. Then Hurricane Norman seemed temporarily to

have blown itself out. That Monday had heard Mr Baker's views on accessi-bility to the legal system, just as the previous Wednesday had listened to him on organic farming. The week before had heard Baker on the Revenue and the Business of the House. There is no space to relay to you his opinions on the Release of Documents. Aid targets, Benefits take-up, legal aid and school buildings.

None of Baker's thoughts is without merit but, assembled. they do seem unmarshalled by any sort of presiding logic. There is no theme to the

Liberal Democracy is fertile soil for this Commons type. Mr Baker should go far. A bore is born.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Irvine lifts

'ageist' limit

for new

magistrates People aged up to 65 will be able to put themselves for-ward to be magistrates after the removal yesterday of the

current age bar which operates informally at 55. The Lord

Chancellor, Lord Irvine of

Lairg, QC. said: The current

*I believe it acts as an

inhibition and does not pay

sufficient regard to the contri-

bution which older people can

make to the life of their communities." Lord Irvine

said that people were remain-

ing fit into their later years

and retained the ability to

perform a public service. The statutory retirement age of 70 will remain.

Four suspended

Four councillors were sus-

pended by Doncaster council's

Labour group yesterday after consultation with the national

party, in the wake of allega-

tions about their conduct in

handling planning applica-tions. The council is already

being investigated by the police after a critical District

Auditor's report earlier this

Stain evidence

Bloodstains on a jumper worn

by Tracie Andrews, who is accused of the roadside mur-

Nurses' case halts

The trial in Saudi Arabia of

two British nurses accused of

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policy is ageist.

Passengers grab rivals' seats to beat BA strike

By HARVEY ELLIOTT, AIR CORRESPONDENT

THOUSANDS of business travellers and holidaymakers could be stranded at Heathrow and Gatwick airports from tomorrow as British Airways cabin crew begin a series of strikes over pay and conditions.

Unless there is a quick settlement further walkouts are planned, with the next three-day strike probably timed to coincide with the BA annual general meeting on

Within hours of the collapse of talks between BA and the British Airlines Stewards and Stewardesses Association every seat on rival airlines had been snapped up leaving those passengers who had not been booked on an alternative flight with almost no chance of finding a seat on the routes affected before the strike begins at 6.00am tomorrow.

British Airways claims that more than half the 3,500 cabin crew required by law to staff their flights over the next three days have now indicated that they will turn up for work. But they still expect to have to cancel dozens of flights, especially from Heathrow, in the first serious industrial action

The airline, which operates

tic and European flights to and from Gatwick, all international flights to and from British regional airports, domestic flights other than those which operate to Heathrow and all services operated by franchise and alliance partners such as Brymon, Loganair, Maersk, GB Airways, CityFlyer Express, TAT, Deutsche BA, Qantas, and

Comair. In addition half the long haul services, a quarter of European flights from Heathrow and a third of intercontinental services from Gatwick should operate normally. Worst affected will be all short-haul and domestic flights from Heathrow.

The precise number of affected flights was changing hourly last night as BA contacted individual crew members to ensure they would be available for duty. The planned number of flights which BA now expects to be able to operate was creeping up late last night as more cabin crew pledged to work

British Airways "perfor-mance managers" telephoned rostered crew at home warning them that they had "a duty ployer" and demanding that 1,000 flights a day around the they contact their duty officer. world, plans to run all domes- As a result of the calls, which

many staff regarded as intimidatory. BA was able to raise the number of European short-haul services they will be able to fly from Heathrow's

Under Civil Aviation Authority regulations any flight containing more than 20 passengers must carry a minimum of one steward or stewardess per 50 passengers.
A short haul jet carrying between 100 and 150 passengers would, therefore, have to three cabin crew

Holidaymakers, especially those booked on long-haul flights, have largely escaped the worst affects of the strike. Kuoni, for example, has managed to rebook all 250 of its passengers due to travel over the three days of the strike on rival airlines. Air France said it had no spare capacity and would not even be able to carry BA passengers on longhaul international flights from Paris even if they got to the airport by train.

Tony Blair is refusing to

become embroiled in the BA strike (Philip Webster writes). In what will be seen as an attempt to distance the Gov-Downing Street yesterday said it had to be "sorted out by

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the Royal Mews, London, The four horses featured in the stamps, two armage horses from the Roya Mews and two horses from the

The guards, pictured alongside the horses in full ceremonial dress, have ed to contorm with the Royal Mail's convention of not identifying living people, other than



Minister criticised on £2m BP shares

By James Landale, political reporter

A SENIOR Labour minister who resigned as chairman of BP to join the Government was criticised by Tory MPs yesterday for failing to declare his £2 million shareholding in the company in the Register of Lords' Interests.

The Tories predicted a potential conflict of interest after the Government confirmed that Lord Simon of Highbury. the Minister for Trade and Competitiveness in Europe, had not sold his shares in the multinational oil company.

Lord Simon, 57, was one of the most senior businessmen that Tony Blair recruited to enobled in May so he could sit as a minister in the Lords. Peers do not face such strict rules as MPs over what they must declare, and Lord Simon was under no obligation to

declare his shareholding.

Last night John Bercow,
Tory MP for Buckingham, tabled a Commons Early Day Motion calling for Lord Simon to resign from the Govern-ment. The motion expressed regret at Lord Simon's failure to sell his shares, and his at the Treasury.

failure to declare them in the

register interests. The Government's assur-ances that Lord Simon was not involved in the Treasury or DTI work which posed an actual or apparent conflict of interest shareholdings were said to be "unconvincing".

John Redwood, the Shadow Trade and Industry Secretary, said: "This is such a huge shareholding, I do think it would have been safer to have registered." Under Whitehall rules, ministers must sell any shares "if it seems likely that any of them might give rise to an actual or apparent conflict

of interest". In a letter to Mr Redwood, Margaret Beckett, President of the Board of Trade, said that Lord Simon had placed some shares in a blind trust and had undertaken not to trade in BP. shares until next January. when the situation would be "reviewed". She added: "He is not involved in any of the DTI business which covers BP, nor does he receive any papers which have a bearing on BP." Similar arrangements applied

Straw takes on cowboy clampers

CHIEF POLITICAL

LAWS to tackle "cowboy" wheel-clampers who charge exorbitant fines are being drawn up by Jack Straw as part of a wider move to regulate private security services.

The Home Secretary is preparing to force all wheelclampers to register with their local authority. He wants a maximum fine that can be levied. At present anyone is entitled to clamp a vehicle if it is parked on his or her private land and there are adequate warning signs. But ministers have recrived a growing number of

complaints from people who say they have been bullied to pay huge cash fines on the spot or risk further costs of the vehicle being impounded. In many cases there have been no signs, or only small ones invisible in the dark. and fines have been imposed within minutes of someone leaving a car.

Government sources sugested that the new maximum fines would be £50.

der of her fiance, were incon-sistent with her account of his stabbing, Birmingham Crown Court was told yesterday. David Loxley, a forensic scientist, said the stains were probably caused as blood spurted from Lee Harvey's neck, not as she cuddled him.

murdering an Australian colleague was halted in as judges debated whether to dismiss the case. A lawyer for Deb-orah Parry and Lucille McLauchlan said he believed discussion centred on confessions which the nurses say were made under sexual and physical duress.

Spina bifida case

A woman who says she would have had an abortion had she known she was carrying a spina bifida baby yesterday sued for damages. Margaret Wigger. 40, of Harlow, Essex. delivered Carly in March 1982. North Essex Health Authority, which denies liability. says the action is "statutebarred" because it is outside the three-year time limit.

Psychiatry plea

Marjorie Wallace, chief executive of SANE, the charity founded after her articles on schizophrenia in *The Times* in 1985, called for 400 vacant psychiatry posts to be filled. She launched her campaign for more awareness of mental health needs at a ceremony comferring on her an honorary fellowship of the Royal College of Psychiatrists.

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Belfast. Murals supporting loyalist paramilitaries decorate the entrance to his street and Union Flags hang from many of the windows. His aunt, who declined to be named, said his parents, Gary and Christine, did not want any retaliation.

On the other side of the Springfield Road and the socalled peace lines dividing the

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two communities friends and relatives were gathered outside Gary's house.

In his area, murals depict the IRA and the Irish tricolour. Burnt-out cars and buses added extra decoration yesterday. Jim Reid, Gary's cousin,

was staying with his aunt on the nationalist Lenadoon estate when rioting broke out. He said that Gary, one of four sons of unemployed parents Catherine and John, was a quiet boy whose only interest was football.

He said the nationalist community was angry at Gary's injury. "The Royal Ulster Constabulary knows they are supposed to fire at the lower body. Gary is a child and if they hit him from close range then they knew how small he was. I think it is a disgrace and if he dies I cannot think what will

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Sleepless couple win their tireless battle to silence the cock crow

Morning chorus can be too much, even in farm country,

the High Court has ruled. Kathryn Knight reports

A FARMER and his wife grew increasingly tired of being woken at cock crow, the High Court heard yesterday. The trouble was that the noise came from up to 40 cockerels at a neighbouring farm.

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Their cries began at 2.30am, or even earlier if there was a full moon. And the exceptional chorus was also joined by ducks, geese and guinea towl.
Instead of country sounds
being one of the pleasures of

rural life, the pig farmer Michael Burke and his wife found that the cacophony from a poultry farm made it impossible to get a good night's sleep. And yesterday, they won the backing of two judges.

The court rejected an appeal against a noise abasement notice issued by South Somerser District Council against John and Sandra Lowe's poultry business in Southill, near Somerton. After the hearing, Mr Lowe said the decision threatened to shatter his dream of a rural retirement

I chose to farm the birds in a traditional way, in the fresh air and on fresh grass," he said. "Mr Burke's piggery doesn't even need to be in the country. It's all housed inside. His pigs absolutely stink, but we have all learned to live with

The court was told that Mr Lowe, a retired hospital pharamacist, had moved into Windyridge Bungalow on Windyridge lane in 1993, and started to bred hundreds of rare and old-fashioned types of lowl, while his wife bred geese and ducks.

He kept up to 40 cockerels. some of whom were kept in an enclosure at the side of his bungalow on the picturesque private country lane where the usual two properties are situated. The

with geese, ducks and other poultry on three seres of grass

Burkes' piggery, Hazelburst Farm, housing 3,500 pigs in intensive units. The only other noises disturbing the country. peace were from the birds and beasts on other small farms and smallholdings scattered around the area.

The court had heard that from the early hours, the birds chorus would drift through the Burkes bedroom windows. After months of sleepless nights, they com-plained to the council.

After the complaints, health experts visited the farm and discovered the pre-dawn cacophony rose to between 46 and 48 decibels in Mr and Mrs Burke's bedroom. World Heath Organisation criteria state that 36 decibels is the level above which sleeping becomes a problem.

An enforcement order was slapped on the Lowes requesting an end to the "crowing of cockerels and chorus of wildfowl." They were asked to provide dark housing to help keep the birds quiet between 10pm and 6am, or to take other "no less effective"

In May last year, the court was told, the Lowes appealed against the enforcement notice to Yeavil magistrates' court. Their appeal was dimissed after Mrs Burke told the magistrates of being woken by the cockerels as early as 2.30am depending on the time of year and that the ducks and geese would join in on wet days". When there was a full moon, Mrs Burke said, the cockerels would start crowing even earlier than

The Lowes told the magis-Other cockerels roamed free trates there was little they: doing what came naturally.

Mr Burke said he could not afford to buy poultry houses, which each cost £800, and that the noise was no more than could be expected in a country

Yesterday. Pushpinder Saini, for Mr Lowe, again asked for the noise enforcement order to be overturned and said it had been imprecise and misleading. However rejecting the appeal, Lord Justice Henry, sitting with Mr Justice Gage, upheld the magistrates' decision and said that it had been made quite clear to the Lowes that their birds were a common nuisance and had to be silenced by whatever means was practical.

The Lowes were ordered to pay the action's legal costs. Mr Lowe who now faces prosecution for not having complied with the order.

Afterwards, he said that that he was brought up on a poultry farm, and that in retirement he had hoped that money from his birds would supplement his income. He added: "This is not only disappointing, but ruinous for me. I shall probably have to sell the farm to try and fund the cost of

He would initially have to get rid of most of the poultry to comply with the order: "I farmed them in a traditional way. The irony is that I bought the farm in Southill because I knew people locally were tolerant about the piggery. Neighbours are furious about what has happened. His pigs absolutely stink, but we have all learned to live with that."

☐ A very busy road mea-sures around 85 decibels, while noisy church bells come in at around 70. Any sustained volume of 90 decibels is dan-



Parents wait to hear children's fate

ANXIOUS parents rushed to St James's Church of England School in Bolton yesterday not knowing whether their children were on the lists of dead and injured.

They were taken into a small office in the low-rise 950pupil grant-maintained high school where the head teacher, Mr David Bowes, read out the list of the uninjured boys and

The fearful parents left be-hind were told that Nicola Moore, 16, had died when the French coach carrying the children to water sports activities in the French Alps plunged 60 feet down a ravine. Later the news came that Robert Boardman, 14. had died in hospital from his injuries and that his best friend, Keith Riddings, 14, was in hospital critically injured.

Russell Jenkins at the school stricken by the crash

and down a ravine. Other-

ter. Victoria, 13, was one of the uninjured, said there were about 30 parents ushered in to hear the news. "It was absolutely heartbreaking in there," she said. Those whose children's names were not read out stayed behind, fearing the worst. They are distraught.

One man just broke down." Tearful youngsters, parents, teachers, and clergy from the Bolton diocese stood around in groups in the school corridors and playgrounds waiting with

trepidation for further news. As the day unfolded, there was comfort for parents of the other children who heard that they had escaped with cuts, bruises, and minor injuries.

Mr Bowes said: "The coach was on a winding road, and wise, details are very hazy. The ravine is about 60ft deep, and youngsters were thrown from the coach. Clearly, we in the school are very anxious for more news, and we are very concerned about two of our families who are grieving at the moment. We are sharing their grief. These are their friends, and staff are anxious for news about their colleagues, two of whom were on

The day started very differently for the pupils, who were looking forward to a week of sporting activities. They had come to school wearing jeans, tracksuits, and trainers. Even

ly in T-shirt and tan trousers. The Reverend Lindsay Ow-

made her way to the school after hearing news of the tragedy on the radio. She said: 'St James's is one huge happy family, and that is the strength of the school. It's like losing a member of the family." ☐ The French coach involved in the crash did not have to meet safety standards as rigid

ens, a former school chaplain.

as those applied to British vehicles (Arthur Leathley writes). Bitter argument between European Union countries over the compulsory fitting of seatbelts on buses has forced delays in the introduction of laws that would bring member states closer into line with Britain. Coach operators on the Continent are not obliged to fit seatbelts until the end of the century.



David Bowes: head who informed parents

Masked robbers raided

train

BY LIN JENKINS

TWO masked robbers armed with an imitation gun and a machete made train passengers hand over cash and valuables, the Old Bailey was told yesterday. One man pointed a gun in the victims faces, threatening to kill them as the other bit them with the broadside of the machete

The two men held up the 18.12 Charing Cross to Dartford service on October 15, Michael Holland, for the struck shortly after the train left London Bridge, and terrified more than 30 pasengers for six minutes before fleeing at Deptford..

They threatened to kill those who did not comply with instructions, he said. "It was the usual mix of London commuters making their way home. They were aged from late teens to pen-sioners. The robbers terrified them into meeting their demands."

Mr Holland said that the pair had made mistakes which led to their detection. They had drawn attention to They had drawn attention to themselves, before doming their disguises, by entering the lavatory on the fram together, and were later identified by some of the deline.

Anthony Banter, 27, and his half-brother Auron. Butter, 20, both of Deption, southeast landon, deny consolrary. cast London, deny conspiracy to rob a train and possession

of a handgun Mr Holland said that both men had made threats to kill or injure. The gun was pointed directly at the head. or face at close range. They demanded wallets and rash be dropped in a plastic carrier bag. Passengers described
them as abusive and threatening, said Mr Holland.
Mr. Holland fold the jury

that the two men had escaped with a few hundred pounds and some personal valuables. They had not worn gloves while our the train and had left their fingerprints in the carriage, he said.
The trial continues.

London Zoo to examine death of cathedral owl

LONDON ZOO is to conduct a post-mortem examination after an eagle owl that took refuge in St Paul's Cathedral was found dead.

The bird's body was spotted yesterday morning by office workers from a bank overlooking the south side of the cathedral. They called out Inspector Lee Hopgood, an RSPCA officer, who was watched by tourists as he watched by tourists as he walked along a 100 ft high ledge with a safety harness to reach the owl, which had been

nicknamed Paula.

After descending with the corpse, he said: "It's a shame because it is such a magnifi-

cent bird. -It feels slightly underweight, but I cannot say what killed it until London Zoo does the post-mortem." Mr Hopgood said that the bird had seemed to be coping well, despite being captivebred. "It has been around the cathedral for several weeks feeding on a plentiful supply of pigeons and squirrels. Per-

haps it caught something from a diseased pigeon." Mr Hopgood has investigated eagle owl sightings in Camden, north London, and in Regent's Park over the past 18 months and believes that it could have been Paula. Eagle owls are normally found on mainland Europe and can live

for 30 years. The female bird,

The deceased Paula in the arms of Mr Hopgood

Saturday, had leather anklets indicating that it was once in captivity, but no form of identification tag.

Mark Yeomans, a stonemason who is restoring the cathedral's Portland stone exterior, said: "We will miss it. It was a fierce-looking creature with lovely big eyes. We used to watch it swooping around. She must have eaten a dodgy

David Murphy, a dealer at Daiwa Europe bank, who first saw the bird's body, said: "We went to look to see where she was and saw her lying on the ledge. We knew she was either dead or seriously ill because owls don't normally lie on their side. It's a great shame because it was nice to watch her out of the window."

With its huge talons and 5 ft wing span, the tufty-eared creature was capable of killing a dog or small deer. Residents living near the cathedral re-ported to the police that the bird had attacked pets and

London Fire Brigade had tried in vain to catch it after reports that it was caught in wire. London Zoo is to carry out the post-mortem examination later this week. lan Boakes, a cathedral steward, said: "It's a sad day. Paula was a very welcome visitor."

Farm suffers touch of Frost

By MICHAEL HORNSBY, COUNTRYSIDE CORRESPONDENT

RAMBLERS have had a metre-wide pathway cut for them through the crops on a farm-so that they can walk in the lootsteps of Robert Frost, the American poet

The farmer whose land the footpath is on faces a bill for up to £1,000 from Gloucester-shire County Council for clearing the right of way, in addition to what he estimates has been the loss of wheat, barley and beans worth a

similar amount. Frost, a four-times Pulitzer Prize winner who died in 1963, lived with his family near the village of Dymock in a rented 17th century cottage. Little Iddens, in the last

summer before the First World War. He spent much of his time talking and walking through the local fields and woods with the British poets Rupert Brooke, Edward Thomas and W.H. Davis, who were also staying in the

Frost wrote to a friend: "We can go almost anywhere we wish on wavering lootpaths through the fields. The fields are so small and the trees so numerous along the hedges that you may think from a little distance that the country was solid wood."

Linda Hart, chairman of the Friends of the Dymock Poets, said: "Everyone recog-

nises this path and cuts their land accordingly, except for this one farmer. These paths are as legal as Ledbury High Street. If you or I blocked the high street then we would be breaking the law and the law would deal with us."

Farmer Paul Bennion, whose family has farmed the land for more than 200 years, said: "Throughout the winter, autumn and spring, the crops are short and it is easy for people to cross the land. But in the summer my crops grow, I cannot tell people to keep off because it is a public right of way, but I do not see why they have to cut a path a

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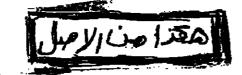
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The dormouse is set free in wonderland

COUNTRYSIDE CORRESPONDENT

A perfect wood and ready-made homes are helping to

reverse the decline of one of Britain's shyest natives

ZOO-BRED dormice were released into the countryside esterday to help to restore the fortunes of one of Britain's best known, but least seen, native creatures. Most people are likely to have encountered a dormouse

only in the pages of Lewis Carroll's Alice in Wonderland, where it suffered the indignity of being stuffed into a teapot by the Mad Hatter and the March Hare. Once widespread in Britain, the common dormouse has become increasingly uncommon, and has gone from most northern and eastern counties.

Two dozen were set free yesterday in the perfect habitat for them: a wood of coppiced hazel. The exact location is being kept secret, except that it is in Cheshire. and there is no sign of the grinning cat. The tiny rodents

'destroyed

by plough'

By TIM JONES

had been kept there in cages for two weeks, to allow them to acclimatise. They have been provided with wooden nesting boxes scattered among the trees, to save them the effort of finding natural equivalents in tree hollows or old birds' nests. The boxes can also be monitored easily for evidence of breeding activity.

No dormouse had been recorded in Cheshire from 1910 until last year, when an initial 29 were released in the same 25-acre wood. Wildlife scientists have been encouraged by their survival rate. The main reason for the national decline has been the loss of coppiced hazelwood, which provides the right mix of berries, nuts, flowers and insects for summer feeding.

Sue Tatman, dormouse

project officer with the Cheshire Wildlife Trust, said: "We know that at least four of the 20 females in the batch released in June last year produced voung. Last autumn we were aware of 12 juveniles in the wood. At least six of these survived the winter."

Even in the best conditions. 20 per cent of adult and 40 per cent of juvenile dormice do not survive the winter. "I am hopeful that the rates we are achieving will be sufficient to create self-sustaining communities," Ms Tatman said.

The dormouse survives Hampshire, the Isle of Wight, Somerset, Devon, Cornwall, Hereford and Worcester, Shropshire. Cumbria and Northamptonshire. Projects similar to the Cheshire plan

are under way in Cambridge shire and in Nottinghamshire. Martin Tither of English Nature, which is co-ordinating the programme, said: "We have had reasonable levels of shire and evidence of two generations of breeding, which is certainly good enough to warrant continuing

the experiment."

Even if they were numerous, dormice would be rarely seen. They are nocturnal and hibernate from October to May, when they are cold to the touch and unable to rouse themselves rapidly even if disturbed. Harsh winters can kill them, but too mild a winter is also dangerous as it may wake the slumbering creatures prematurely before

Roman site | Fears rise that pollution is damaging health

By NICK NUTTALL, ENVIRONMENT CORRESPONDENT

A LANDOWNER faces possible prosecution for ploughing up and damaging beyond aging their health, a study

repair the site of a 1,900-year-old Roman settlement. County councillors will be told that notices put up to protect the site on Sir Rupert Mann's 7,500-acre estate near Scole, Norfolk, were disregarded. In a report to the council, Martin Shaw, director of planning, claims that, as the landowner, Sir Rupert should be prosecuted under the Ancient Monuments and Archae-

ological Areas Act. Sir Rupert, 50, was told by English Heritage nine years ago that the field was a protected site. A letter sent to him at that time by English Heritage said he would need special consent to do any work on the field. When council officials found two months ago that it had been ploughed they established that planning permission had not

NEARLY two-thirds of the population believe that environmental problems are dam-

released yesterday claims.

A survey by MORI has found that 60 per cent of people in Britain believe that their "own health is affected by environmental problems a great deal or a fair amount". The level of public concern has risen from 53 per cent in 1992. John Leaman, of the polling

company, said yesterday that the British findings sent a clear message to politicians that the public wanted environmental problems tackled. The findings have come from the International Environment Monitor Survey, a 24nation study carried out by MORI between January and April this year. About 27,000 people were polled in several continents. MORI said that the findings demonstrated a "strong and growing concern over the environment across virtually all countries and an

increasing willingness to choose environmental protection over economic costs".

The majority of people in Britain are prepared to make economic sacrifices to see the environment cleaned up and wildlife conserved. Asked if environmental protection was more important than economic growth, 69 per cent of people questioned here said that it was — up from 56 per cent in 1992. This view is similar to that of people in the United

The country holding this view most strongly was Canada, where 73 per cent claimed that the environment was more important than economic growth. In Nigeria, by contrast, only 27 per cent said that environmental protection was more important than economic growth, down from 30 per cent in 1992.

The varying attitudes may reflect differing social and economic circumstances, environmental problems, and policy priorities. In India, for instance, where 94 per cent of people think their health is affected by environmental problems, the air in many cities is heavily polluted and the Bhopal chemical plant disaster, in 1984, in which 3,000 people were killed, is still fresh in people's minds.

arguing that Western industrialised nations should take action to combat global warming now and that developing countries should come on board later. The United States believes that all nations should sign up to agreements to cut back pollutants that cause global warming.

The MORI survey reflects this difference in outlook. Asked who is responsible for the world's environmental problems, the majority of people in most European nations blame industrialised nations. But only 28 per cent of Americans believe that industrialised nations are to blame.



Fashion dances from chic to chic

Gianni Versace at the Paris fashion sho featuring a return to severe shoulder pads in jackets and dresses - the French

designer Emanuel Ungaro presented his autumn/winter haute conture collection a yesterday, featuring his oriental-inspired worn with a black fez.

Conman said £22m rings were no good, court told

A CONMAN who posed as an immensely rich Arab prince rejected rings worth £22 million as as not good enough for a woman half his age to whom he had proposed marriage, a court was told yesterday. Rageb Daghdugh, 51, talked

at length to Sammar Razaq, 25, a dentist, of his opulent lifestyle, his luxury homes, fast cars, personal jet and ocean-going yacht. He then ran up up a five-figure bill for flowers for a wedding that never happened, it was said. Michael Forward, for the

prosecution, told Southwark Crown Court in London that not only was Mr Daghdugh's endless talk of matchless wealth all a sham, but he was already married: he "was not the Omar Sharif figure that Miss Razaq believed him to be, but had more in common with Reggie Perrin".

Mr Daghdugh, of Stamshaw, Portsmouth, denies ob-taining a £15,000 floral display from a florist in Windsor by falsely claiming that he was Prince Azuldin Al Sanussi and had "sufficient funds" to pay.

Mr Forward said Mr Daghdugh met the woman he allegedly deceived with an empty proposal of marriage at a dinner party given by her parents at the family's London home in 1996. Mr Daghdugh, who boasted connections with the Kuwaiti royal family, told them that for "certain reasons" he was not only unable to stay more than 72 hours each time he visited Britain but, "interestingly", was only able to bring £50 with him

each time. Mr Forward added. When he took Miss Razaq to a jewellers in Bond Street, the manager closed the shop to all but Mr Daghdugh, his intended, her mother and her brother, and an array of expensive jewellery was laid out before them. Without batting an eyelid," Ma Daghdugh said that rings worth £22 million were not good enough. Mr Forward added.

Towards the end of May last year, Miss Razaq received a telephone call from a woman telling her and effect, to keep away from Mr Daghdugh because he was married. Mr Forward said. The trial continues

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Tradition offers solace amid future fears

Marchers take comfort in uncertain times from past glory

By NICHOLAS WATT, CHIEF IRELAND CORRESPONDENT

ORANGE Order parades. which snake through the cities and countryside of Northern Ireland during the summer marching season, may appear strangely antiquated to out-Tens of thousands of Or-

angemen, wearing bowler hats and white gloves, march in strict formation to celebrate the Protestant victory at the Battle of the Boyne in 1690. They address each other in archaic terms such as "District Worshipful Master" and hark back to centuries of struggle against Catholic Ire-

Michael Ignatieff, the Canadian-born writer, summed up the thinking of most oursiders when he asked an Ulster Orangeman whether he was concerned that he looked like a museum piece. The Orangeman, deploying the customary Ulster wit. replied: "Oh. does

that make me more valuable?" Whatever the impression given to those in Britain, the Orangemen are taking part in the most important expression of Protestant culture in Northern Ireland. Protestants in Northern Ireland are frightened and uncertain about their future, which leads them to look to the comfort of past certainties and victories.

The contentious Orange Order parade at Portadown on Sunday was one of 2.404 loyalist parades that will take place this summer. David Jones, the spokesman for the Portadown District of the Orange Order, said that the parade had required little organisation because it had taken place on the Sunday before the main July 12 celebrations since 1807.

On Sunday, up to 2,000 Orangemen from the 32 lodges that make up Portastrict order to the Anglican church at Drumcree: the parade now commemorates the Battle of the Somme in 1916. It was headed by an Orangeman carrying the district standard

flanked by two sword bearers They were followed by the district officers, County Ar-magh officers, and visitors from other parts of Northern Ireland and from Scotland They were followed by a band which, in turn, was followed by a colour party carrying the Union flag and the Orange standard. A group of ex-servicemen formed the next row before the individual

The lodges are known as LOL (Loyal Orange Lodge) followed by a number which denotes how old the lodge is. The first Orange lodge in Ireland was founded in 1795 after the Battle of the Diamond between Catholics and Protestants in Co Armagh. LOL 9, which is the oldest lodge in Portadown, headed the lodges on Sunday.

After the parade the Orangemen lined up outside Portadown's main Orange hall. They sang the national anthem before removing their collarettes and dispersing. On Sunday they headed off home or to the pub. But after the main July 12 parades, when the Orangemen of Portadown will be marching in Armagh city, they will return to the Orange hall where lodges will have their own dinners.

The march on Sunday was the most contentious parade of this year's marching season. However, police will have to deal with more contentious parades before the end of the marching season in September, the first of which was due to take place last night in Bellaghy, Co Londonderry. The next flashpoint will be

in South Belfast on Saturday when Orangemen will attempt to march past the nationalist Lower Ormeau Road on their way to the main July route the parade.

Most of the parades taking place on Saturday will pass off peacefully because they mainly take place in Protestant



Forces defend plastic bullets as the most effective way to control riots

SEVERE injuries sustained by the Catholic teenager Gary Lawlor, who was struck on the head by a plastic bullet during riots in West Belfast on Sunday night, have revived an intense debate about

Republicans said yesterday that the bullets are indiscrimi-nate, can easily kill, and should be banned. Security sources said that they are the most effective way of control-

They were first used in Northern Ireland in the early 1970s, replacing rubber bultoo indiscriminate. Rubber bullets were pointed, measured about 512 ins long, and were difficult to aim because they bounced out of control. Plastic bullets, known techniStewart Tendler on the revival of a fierce controversy

rounds, are about 4in long and are fired from a West German-made Heckler and Koch 69Al grenade launcher. The lightweight single-shot guns were specially adapted for British police and soldiers.

The bullets are about the size of a large electric battery. They are made of solid PVC and weigh 3.65oz. The bullet is held in a round that includes a percussion cap. a black powder propellant and round is fired, the cap falls away. The bullet leaves the gun at a muzzle speed of about 56 metres per second. The marksmen should fire at a range of not less than 20

metres. They should avoid the head or face and target the lower torso, but the bullets are difficult to aim

The last person to be killed by a plastic bullet was Seamus Duffy, 15, who was shot in the nationalist New Lodge area of Belfast in August 1989. The most famous victim was Sean Downes. 22. a Catholic who was shot dead during a nationalist graph showed Mr Downes clutching his chest at the moment of impact.

The RUC said that it regretted the deaths and injuries caused by plastic bullets, but

insisted that they were the most effective way of controlling riots. A spokesman said: "Plastic baton rounds are esigned to be an intermediafe response between messy hand-to-hand confrontations and firing live rounds. The rounds allow police to create a sterile area which protects

forces from petrol bombs." The spokesman said that the RUC longed for the day when it would no longer have march in West Belfast in 1984 to fire the rounds, but he ons. They say that their camadded: "If people are going to attack police in this vicious way, then the police and public have to be protected. plastic bullets being fired echoed throughout national-

The unmistakeable thud of

ist areas on Sunday when the security forces used 1.600 rounds to disperse rioters. Last year, the RUC and the Army fired 8,286 plastic bullets between July and Septemwhich erapted in the wake of the stand-off at Drumcree. Co

The security forces will continue to rely on plastic bullets as the "least-bad" option to control riots. However, trepublicans will continue to -campaign against the weapwithdrew a batch of plastic bullets used in Northern Ireland because it was discovered that they travelled too

Benefit cheats believe there is no harm in bending the rules, study finds

Atuminium cartridge

MOST benefit cheats believe there is nothing wrong with bending the rules or are not even aware that they are breaking the rules, according to a study published today.

Benefit fraud costs the Exchequer £4 billion a year, but few of the cheats are organised criminals or regular offenders, the Policy Studies Institute report says. Instead, it found that fraud is often committed by poor people who are confused about the rules or by those so desperate for money that they are prepared to risk occasional casual work for cash-in-hand while receiving Income Support. Organised fraud seems to be rare

and is frowned upon by even those convicted of individual offences, who regard the benefit fraud gangs as "the real criminals.

Claire Whyley, one of the report's authors, said that fraud frequently arose because people were confused by the rules. Two people who were "living together" for all or some of the time might not see themselves as becoming Confused individuals, not 'real criminals', are the worst fraudsters, Alexandra Frean reports

a couple even though the Benefits Agency's rules define them as such. "The system sends out mixed messages: one policy is to crack down on people who claim benefit while working, another encourages people to work and claim family credit and housing benefit to supplement their low wages. The system should be simplified."

Many people defrauding the benefits system said that they did so to pay essential bills. A woman benefit claimant with three young children had started a cleaning job "on the side" to raise some more money. She had been in multiple arrears and frightened by visits from debt collectors.

A man who worked for two hours a day for three months while claiming income support said he needed the money to provide for the children from

two marriages and for his social life. He felt that unless he could afford to go nut once a week he would "crack up". Ms Whyley said that many people claiming income support did not declare small earnings because the form-filling needed to adjust their benefits to the extra income would be

too complicated and time consuming.

The report had a clear warning for Frank Field, the Minister of State for Welfare Reform, who is preparing plans to reduce the growing £90 bil-lion social security budget A main feature of the reforms is the Welfare-to-Work plan to get people off benefits and into work through a combination of incentives and penalties.

The study concluded that tackling fraud effectively will not be achieved through tougher penalties, such as increasing the number of prosecutions.

980s, this was reversed in the 1990s. In 1993-94, the number of prosecutions reached 7.645, an increase of 30 per cent on the previous year. In 1994-95, prosecutions rose by a further 25 per

Tim Newburn, another of the report's authors, said that although prosecutions had doubled between 1990-91 and 1994-95, the threat of being taken to court seemed to be a poor deterrent because few people believed they were doing wrong or thought they would be caught. He said that imposing fines on benefit fraudsters may

even encourage them to reoffend.

"Fines are likely to exacerbate the problems that led to the original fraud." he said. "A combination of clearer rules, improved detection and the use of new sanctions such as formal cautions and warnings may be a more effective way to combat fraud. Prosecution policy should target the persistent and premeditated offender."

Whitehall tightens security

BY TIM JONES SECURITY in Whitehall offices has been reviewed after a

homeless man was discovered

squatting in the Treasury building days before Gordon Brown presented the Budget. Mark Bickerton, 20, first lived for two days on an empty floor in the Environment Department's offices near Parliament, stealing sweets and chocolates from the canteen. He moved to the Treasury where he was discovered and freed after a police caution. He returned to the Environment Department for another night, Horseferry Road Magistrates

Court, central London, was told yesterday, Bickerton, who admitted burglary, had threatened to break into Buckingham Palace. He was given three months conditional discharge in view of psychiatric reports.

Healthy habits to start at nurseries

BY IAN MURRAY, MEDICAL CORRESPONDENT NURSERY schools are to be

given a leading role in improv-ing the health of the nation under a strategy launched yesterday by the Government. The aim is to teach children the skills and habits giving a long and healthy life. Tessa Jowell, the Public

Health Minister, told a London conference: We want to attack the underlying causes of ill-health and to break the cycle of social and economic deprivation and social exclusion. This signals a major change in the nation's policy, to maximise good health as well as treating sickness. You might call it being tough on the causes of ill health."

With Estelle Morris, the Under-Secretary for Schools Standards, and Michael Meacher, the Environment

Minister, beside her, she said that pre-school education was crucial in teaching the skills and self-esteem needed to break the link between depri-vation in childhood and problems in adult life.

"Teenage pregnancy, for in-stance, is all too likely to be a cause as well as a symptom of poor education, unemployment and social exclusion," she said. "If a healthy school can keep a child from following her mother by getting pregnant at 17, she has a better chance of getting qualifications, gening a job."

A Green Paper on the strategy will be published in the autumn, followed by a White Paper next summer. Meanwhile Sir Donald Ach eson, the former Chief Medi-cal Officer, will identify.

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TA officer raped

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> A TERRITORIAL Army pri-vate was raped and suffered a barrage of second insults and abuse during a three star period of institutionalised harassment an inclusival inbunal was told yesterday.
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> The woman said that she

was raped by the captain, who was second in command of her unit. The attack was just nart of a three year nightimate part of a three year nightarate she endured as one of the pioneering women recruits 🏝 the TA in Landon, she told the tribunal in Woburn Place, central London. It is the first sexual - harassment claim against the part-time army reserve force.

The 35-year-old from London said she was raped, groped, punched, and suffered sexual insults during her ser-vice from 1992 to September 1995. She described how a male soldier exposed himself to her, how a photograph of her wearing a swimsuit was pinned on a noticeboard in the TA bar and how she was continually humilisted and bullied. The woman, whose uncle and grandfather had Joanna Bale reports on three-year nightmare' of abuse and harassment

served in the regular Army, or tell any senior officers said she applied to join the within her TA unit. "I didn't said she applied to join the Army after she left school but was refused because at 4ft Ilin

she was too short.
It was thusing a period of tneaployment in 1992 that she joined the TA.
The former private said she was raped by the capitain on April 23, 1994. "I was waiting for a tari after leaving an exerct for a taxi after leaving an event at the TA. He came up to me and insisted on driving me home."The captain took her to

his house and insisted that she stay over. She said: "I woke up in the night with the captain on top of me. I told him to get off and asked him what he thought he was doing. I couldn't get him off. He had intercourse with me I was so upset and shocked I didn't know what to do ... He was second in

command and I was only a

sapper." She sold the tribunal she did not contact the police

think anyone would believe me. I just had to be strong and carry on. I didn't want to classify myself as a victim."

She broke down in tears while telling of the alleged rape, but regained her composure as she detailed the abuse she claimed to have endured for another 18 months before quitting the service.

Earlier in the hearing, Caroline Bates, for the former private, said: "This is a case of

stitutionalised harassment

involving officers and pri-vates. It's alleged that this be-haviour permeated through-out the TA and was well known to officers, both junior and senior, and they failed to take any action to stop it."

The woman claims sexual discrimination by the TA. The case, which is being backed by the Equal Opportunities Com-



Jon James and Camilla Carr, who were seized by gunmen. They had been caring for Chechen children

Father pleads for captive Britons

kidnapped by Chechen rebels asked for official support yesterday in finding his son. Norman James, 67, said: "We just hope the Government can

intervene. We are desperate for news." Jon James, 35, and Camilla Carr. 35, were seized from their home in the capital Grozny by masked gunmen

six days ago. Nothing has been heard of them since. They had left their homes in Gloucestershire in April to join the Centre for Peacemaking and Community Development, looking after traumatised children. Norman James, who lives with his wife, Doris, 67, at Lydney, said: "My son has always been a bit of an adventurer. I think

he will cope, but that depends on who has captured him."

The missing couple's two bodyguards and the charity's deputy director have been questioned by police. Chechen authorities said yesterday that they were setting up a task force of 300 investigators, lawyers and judges to combat kidnappings.

GP who undercuts **NHS** may be sued

By PAUL WILKINSON

A FAMILY doctor who undercuts NHS charges with private prescriptions could face prosecution, the British Medical Association said last night. David Moor, 51. of Fenham. Tyne and Wear, says that his patients save up to £3 on the standard NHS charge of 15.65. He said: "It means remembering which drugs are cheaper under private prescriptions. If the actual cost and the chemist's charges come to about £2.65, I don't see why my patients should have to pay £5.65. I am very sure of my rights. I have patients from some of the poorest areas

of Newcastle." Peter Fellowes, of the BMA's prescriptions committee, said: "As far as the BMA is concerned, this practice is illegal. NHS patients should be treated under the auspices of the NHS and provided with NHS medicines. However, we have not had a definitive ruling on this."

A spokesman for the Department of Health said that it was a "grey area" but added: Prescription charges are an extremely valued source of income for the NHS."

BBC chairman backs 'fat cat' pay increases

By DAMIAN WHITWORTH

THE chairman of the BBC governors, Sir Christopher Bland, yesterday strongly de-fended a decision to award pay rises of up to 39 per cent to

John Birt, the Director-General, received a 20 per cent rise to £354,000 a year, according to the BBC's annual report published today. His benefits include a chauffeur-drives car, a second car and free petrol and medical benefits.

Mr Birt's rise takes his pay package to more than double what it was six years ago. He also received a further £44,000 to his

Broadcast unions said that the award could threaten staff relations and make licence fee increases hard to justify. Sir Christopher said the managers were getting less than their market value and he and the remuneration committee had considered long and hard before putting their recom-mendations for the awards

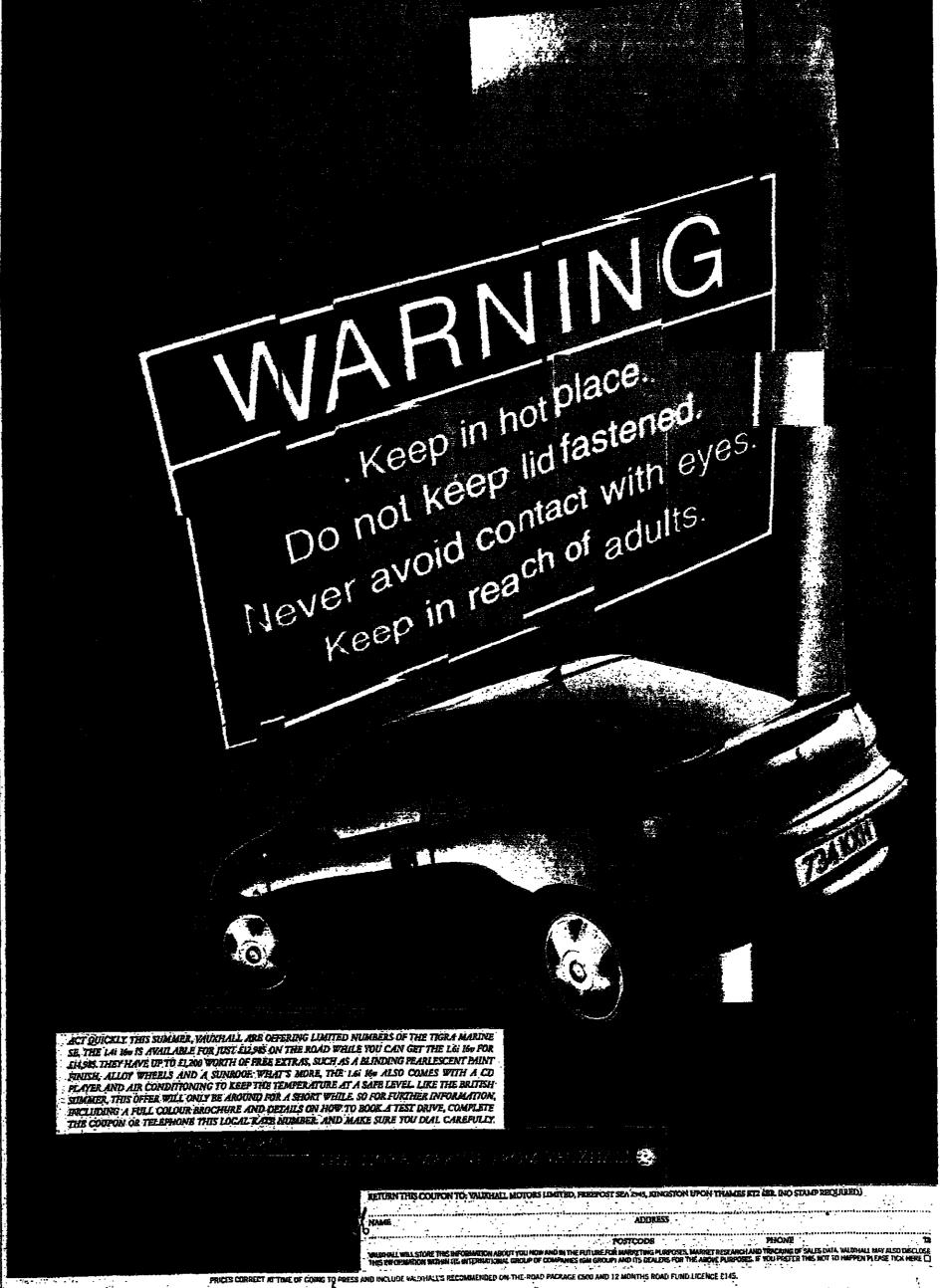
before the board of governors. He admitted that public disquiet over "fat cat" public utility pay awards had been a

cellor of the Exchequer, is to feature in a two part fly-on-the wall documentary about his life leading up to and after Labour's election victory A consers crew from Scottish Television trav-elled for six months with Mr Brown on the cam-paign trail and was allowed behind closed doors as he prepared to present his first Budget last week.

The highest increase went to Ronald Neil, chief executive of the new production division. his total pay and pension package rose to £226,000.

Gerry Morrissey, chief ne-gotiator for the joint unions at the BBC, said that Mr Birt's 655,000 increase would be resented by the 22,000 staff who have accepted increases averaging 28 per cent. If John Birt wants to work in the brivité sector, he should go there, but he shouldn't expect a private sector salary in the public sector, especially if he is trying to impose public sector





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Portillo declares his desire for a political comeback

the prospect of a return to frontline politics yesterday, delighting supporters who have not given up hope that one day he could lead the Tory

The former Defence Secretary, the biggest casualty of the Labour landslide on May I, broke his silence on his longituding intentions. In a radio interview, he said: The way I feel at the moment is that I would like to be an MP again. I don't think the opportunity will come soon, and it's always possible that my mind will change, but my present feeling is that if someone felt inclined to elect me . . . that I would wish to be an MP."

But neither Mr Portillo nor his friends want him to make a quick comeback. The Labour honeymoon is expected to be lengthy. By-elections may not be safe territory for the Tories for some time. And, most important, Mr Portillo would

MICHAEL PORTILLO raised want to do nothing over the next couple of years that could be seen as destabilising the leadership of William Hague. Even so the idea that both Mr Portillo and Chris Patten. the former Governor of Hong

Kong, could return to Parliament before the next election is one of the few encouraging possibilities available to Tory MPs as they prepare for the long slog ahead. Both would be leadership candidates if the

Hague project were to fail.

Mr Portillo's friends hope that he will "do a Patten" by taking a substantial but timelimited post outside Parliament before making his comeback. The job that Mr Portillo wanted but failed to get - the EU's High Representative in the former Yugoslavia - would have been ideal. If a similar post fails to materialise he is expected to take a job in industry. Yesterday he was speaking

to BBC Radio 4's Today pro-

Tories into the next election.

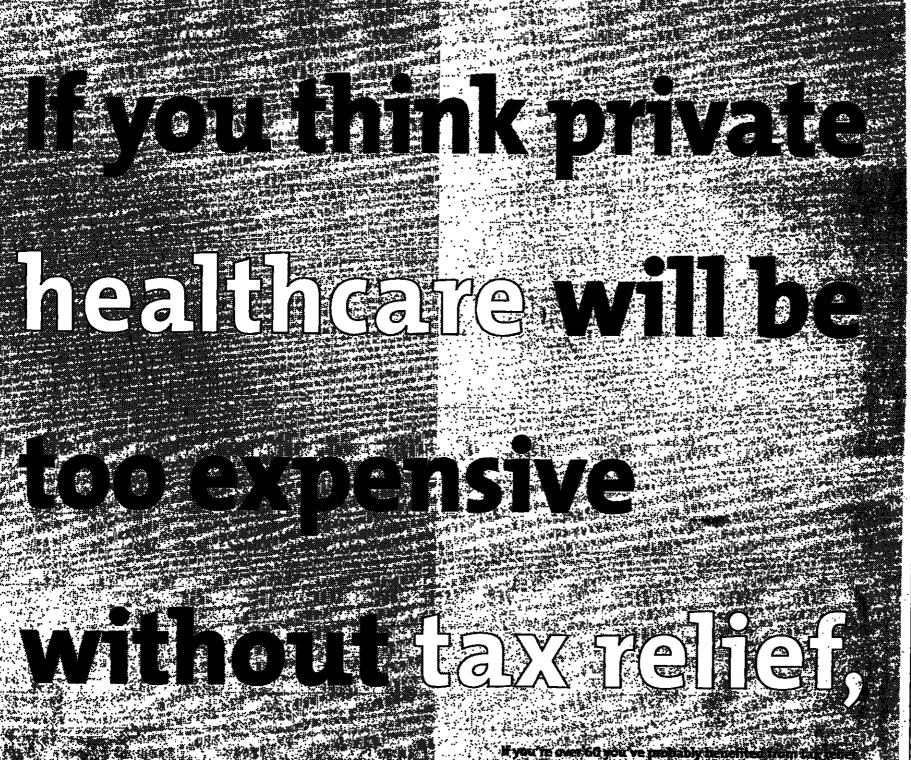




Muraya Elmi, left, after her plea to Tony Blair outside a London primary school yesterday

Refugee mother cries on Blair's shoulder

A SOMALI asylum-seeker wept on the Prime Minis-ter's shoulder yesterday and begged him to permit her husband and five children to join her in Britain (Richard Ford writes). Muraya Elmi, 36, ap-proached Tony Blair when he visited Avonmor primary school, west London, where her two youngest children are pu-pils. Her husband and other children are in Adis Ababa, having been refused per-mission to join her. The family became separated while fleeing the civil war in Somalia in 1994. Mrs Elmi, from Mogadishu, came to Britain on a false passport and was granted leave to stay for a year. which has since been extended. Mr Blair asked the head teacher to arrange for Mrs Elmi to write to him



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NHS may regain shield against legal actions

ed once again from prosecu-tion for poor food hygiene and claims for non-medical negliattempt to cut NHS insurance costs, Frank Dobson, the Health Secretary, said

yesterday.
Speaking on the last day of the Budget debate in the Commons, Mr Dobson revealed that he was considering the restoration of "crown indemnity" for hospitals. It was lifted under the Tories amid concern that standards at many hospitals, particularly in the preparation of food, were dangerously low.

Under crown indemnity, hospital kitchens would not be subject to inspection by local authority environmental

into more than 400 trusts since the Tories' health service reforms had led to soaring insurance bills. Trusts were spending a total of more than £50 million annually in insurselves against liability claims from employees and patients for example, for damage to

property.

He said the Government

was examining what savings (could be made through the pooling of insurance arrangements for trusts, "or even by the return of crown indemnity". It was estimated that either of those measures could save £20 million to £30 million

year. Mr Dobson said money could also be saved with an end to the "stupid, petty and ed between NHS trusts since the reforms created "purchasers" and "providers" within the system. The Government was also determined to save money by cutting prescription fraud and ensuring that NHS supplies were being provided in the most cost-effective way.

A programme of trust mereers was planned, he said. vitich should help to bureaucracy and costs.

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Coal pit will undermine Byron's abbey

Engineers admit walls will crack when excavation starts at 800-year-old stately home, Daniel McGrory reports

"Ah! happy years! once more

LORD BYRON'S nostangic assertion in Childe Harold's Pilgrimage may be read as a tribute to his boyhood in and around Newstead Abbey, the stately home which as a tenyear-old he inherited with the title from his great-uncle. But the romantic aura surrounding the Nottinghamshire pile threatens to be undermined -

A mining company plans to excavate a million tonnes of coal from underneath the site. Doug Williams, its surveying manager, said: "We expect there will be cracking in the walls of the abbey, but we are sensitive to what we are doing. "We are doing survey work with the council and the

relevant authorities to prevent any major structural damage, but there are jobs at stake." Mining engineers say that the 800-year-old Grade I listed site will drop by at least a foot when they begin work in 18

Byron, who moved there with his mother from shabby Aberdeen lodgings, said it was one of the few places for which he had any affection. It is held in similar regard by the 35,000 visitors from around





Byron: returned to the abbey after Grand Tour

year to view the poer's original manuscripts and collections of his first editions.

Literary enthusiasts are appealing for the Government to prevent the mining project. Protesters include Lord Blake, a vice-president of the Byron 35 countries. He described the proposal as "tragic and outra-geous", but ministers and the local authority yesterday said they were powerless to prevent

The abbey's owner, Nottinghem City Council, said it cannot block the plans for the project, which saleguards 500 jobs, because the mining company owns the coal seam and no planning permission is required for underground work. A council spokesman said: "Frankly, as long as they repair the damage, the mining company can do as it likes." Lord Blake said: "Such an

outrageous scheme should not be allowed and we are remiss as a country if Whitehall cannot stop it." Maureen

Crisp, the society's secretary, said: "This will cause international outrage and the council and the National Heritage Department should shout and demand the mining company

"The old Coal Board knew there was coal under the abbey but left it for fear of damaging this house. This company is just taking advan-tage of a loophole in the law to grab what cash it can. Our fear is that such damage will be done that it cannot be repaired." Midlands Mining said that it guarantees a substantial sum" to repair any damage caused.

The abbey was founded in 1170 by Henry II and the community of monks was dissolved by Henry VIII in 1540. The first Lord Byron

hought the abbey for £810. His poetic descendant re-turned to it in 1811 after his European tour and lived there for two years before selling to a friend. The abbey and grounds were handed over to the council in 1931.

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Highly irritating greenhouse effect



tempted many gardeners to shelter in their greenhouses, where they could keep dry as they nurtured their cuttings.

Few places would seem to provide a healthier, safer environment than a greenhouse, but a recent report in the journal Clinical & Experimental Allergy has shown that greenhouses are infested with hordes of microscopic mites. Tetranychus urticae.

Tetranychus urticae, like the ubiquitous house mite. sensitises many people who are bitten by it. Those who are sensitised and have a tendency to suffer from allergic conditions may develop attacks of asthma and hay fever, and the mite may even be a factor in precipitating eczema.

Two thirds of the people:

tested in a survey reported in the journal who had worked in greenhouses had a positive skin reaction when tested with the mite antigen. Half of the greenhouse workers who were exposed to the mite antigen

THE heavy rainfall in June suffered a bronchial reaction. The analysis suggested that sensitisation to the mite Tetranychus urticae could be a cause of hitherto unexplained wheezing, coughing, or running eyes and nose in nursery workers, or others who spend long hours in a conservatory

or greenhouse. Like other mites, Tetran ychus urticue is eight-legged and has a large blood-sucking mouth and bloated limbs. It is catholic in its choice of greenhouse plants, and happily lives in most of those that have a commercial value.

Treatment with drugs for allergic symptoms suffered by gardeners, whether the chest is involved or not, is similar to that prescribed for allergy to the house mite. Unfortunately the greenhouse mite cannot be kept at bay by minimalist furnishing and

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Labour embarks on classroom crusade

David Charter looks at how the Government plans to reach its ambitious

objective of banishing educational failure from the school curriculum

THE Government left no room for failure by schools, local education authorities or inspectors in a White Paper yesterday that proclaims zero tolerance of under-

performance". In a five-year crusade to raise classroom standards, every level of the education service, from teachers to groups of schools in Education Action Zones, will have to set and strive for tough improvement objectives. Local authorities will gain new powers to order improvements if they spot signs of failure in schools. but the councils will also be subject to rigorous inspection. School inspectors will also become more accountable, with a new appeals system for those unhappy with the ver-dict of Ofsted.

David Blunkett, the Education and Employment Secretary, launched the White Paper. Excellence in Schools. in the Commons yesterday, saying: "Our children are our future. We owe it to them to give them the best possible

The following is a summary of the White Paper. ☐ The early years: "All children should have a firm foun-

dation for their education." The new standards regime will begin in the nursery, with the Government adopting the "desirable learning outcomes" piloted by the Tories. From this September, children will be assessed in their first term to measure progress. Class

sizes will be kept to 30 or below for all children aged five, six and seven by 2002.

An Early Years Forum in each area will draw up plans to provide pre-school places for all four-year-olds, extending the initiative to three-yearolds later. The aim is to integrate nursery provision and childcare. Once in school, literacy and numeracy will be given priority. Standards: "Standards

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rise fastest when schools take responsibility for their own improvement.

Tough targets for improvement will challenge the low expectations which ministers see at the root of previous underperformance in schools. Each local authority will have a development plan. showing how all schools will improve, and every school will have to draw up targets in three-year plans, reviewed annually.

Fresh Starts will be ordered for failing schools which do not improve. They could be closed and re-launched under new senior teachers.

Ofsted will inspect all education authorities and the worst will be taken over. Schools will be inspected at least once every six years. ☐ Modernising schools: "We must modernise comprehensive secondary education and

open up access to new technol-The principle of diversity within one campus" means children should be put in sets by ability in all schools, particularly for science, mathematics and languages. "Fast-track" pupils should take

qualifications early. Schools will be reorganised into foundation, community aided. Parents will be balloted where governors do not want to become the new type of school closest to its present status. For example, county schools will become community schools, with the authority employing staff. Grant-maintained schools will become foundation schools, employing their own staff and with no more than two local authority gover-

parent governors.

The first 25 Education Action Zones will be set up in disadvantaged areas, with parents and businesspeople helping draw up targets to improve school performance.

nors. There will be more

Specialist schools in technology, languages, sports and arts will have to share facilities with neighbouring schools gifted pupils.

Teaching standards:

Teachers hold the key to their

pupils' success." Aspiring head teachers will have to pass a new qualifica-

tion and the school leaders of the future will be identified by a fast-track route to headship early in their careers. An induction year will be brought back for new teachers, who will be allowed to

enter the classroom only after meeting standards set out last month by the Teacher Training Agency. To retain the best teachers in the classroom, the new grade of Advanced Skills Teacher will bring more pay and responsibility.

Appraisal of teachers is to be reviewed and the Govern-

ment is consulting on fast-track dismissal of poor teachers. Heads may have to report to governors every year on any teacher performing ☐ Raising achievement: "Pupils need support from parents, local authority services,

business and the community, as well as schools, to ensure they reach their full Every primary school should involve parents in their child's reading and Age Con-cern will help find "foster"

grandparents to act as men-

tors for children. Home-school contracts will cover discipline, homework and attendance. An "assertive discipline" policy should show sanctions and rewards, with



Girls at Selly Park Technology College, Birmingham, where streaming is credited with improving GCSE results

regular praise for pupils who

keep the rules.
The Government wants fewer pupils expelled and will consult on new guidance. It will also make all pupils finish the summer term when they

Homework guidelines will spell out how much children should do and there will be homework dubs at half of all secondary and a quarter of primary schools by 2001.

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How struggling school set course for success

By David Charter, education correspondent

TARGETS for all pupils and a rejection of mixed-ability teaching has transformed a comprehensive school which was "the pits", its head teacher said yesterday.

Wendy Davies, head at the girls-only Selly Park Technology College in Birmingham, introduced ability sets for all subjects to send the GCSE pass rate soaring. Only 2 per cent of girls achieved five Olevel passes ten years ago. Last summer, 43 per cent of pupils gained five or more good GCSEs.

The Government's call to modernise the comprehensive principle has been pioneered by schools in Birmingham under the guidance of its chief education officer, Professor Tim Brighouse, recently appointed to the Standards Task

"The first school target was to increase GCSE results by I per cent." Mrs Davies said. We went for something achievable in the first instance because I didn't want to depress the staff. The pupils staff. Now we are going for

streamed classes as soon as they arrive, with the top class GCSEs, the next two groups at least five, and the lowest class up to five. These groups divide into sets based on ability for mathematics, English and science, reflecting pupils' aptitude in different

"We believe that if pupils are bright enough, we push them on Let's have them getting their GCSEs early, Mrs Davies said. "In maths you cannot do anything else but set. In this school we have also seen the benefit of putting them in broad bands for all subjects. You can have brilliant teaching on mixed ability and it works but it does

average teacher." Tony Blair, writing in The Times yesterday, said: "We favour setting, rather than mixed-ability teaching, in comprehensive schools. This was the way to help children stretch "as far and as fast as

not always work with your

But the mixed-ability principle, so closely identified with the traditional ethos of pion School in Bugbrooke,

Tony Downing, the deputy head, said that ability sets were introduced in the following year in mathematics and later on in science.

This is a comprehensive school and so it does uphold comprehensive ideals," Mr Downing said. "The overriding principle is that students learn in a situation that is best for them and that is usually a mixed ability situation, certainly in the lower years. Most comprehensive schools, like us, have introduced a measure of setting where it is in students' interests higher up the school."

The benefit of mixed-ability learning was that all pupils felt that they were treated "with the same esteem". Creating a bottom set could lead to an unmotivated and undervalued group of students, he said. The school would change its system if it did not work for its pupils. 46 per cent of whom gained five or more good GCSE grades last sumfor each department.

inner-city schools and we take the decision how to teach, not according to dogma, but ac-



School, Bugbrooke, where mixed ability teaching is a "comprehensive ideal"

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Soothing parents with promise of continuity

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PARENTS will see little immediate change in most state schools as a result of yesterday's White Paper. Improvement is a long haul, and ministers have recognised as much in their for raising standards.

Even 2002, the date by which most of the Government's proposals are to be judged, is just around the corner in educational terms. By then, there should have been a 40 per cent improvement in primary school test results, a settled framework for secondary schools with pupils grouped by ability, more specialisation and less

The 84 pages of Excellence in Schools contain plenty of ideas for achieving these ambitious goals, but the route to improvement remains largely for schools themselves to decide. Wellflagged requirements for schools to set and achieve

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targets will be enshrined in legislation, but other initiatives such as the assault on mixed-ability teaching and the introduction of homework guidelines are pure

The difference will be that schools will have to answer local authorities and Ofsted inspectors if they ignore the Government's advice and their results do not improve. The line of least resistance will be to do ministers' bidding.

In reality, most secondary schools already group pupils by ability in the core subjects and the larger primary schools are beginning to follow suit. But other developments, such as the use of phonics in a primary school literacy hour, will mean a change of culture in the

The Government's oft-repeated recipe for school imbination of pressure and

get provided the support with £2.3 billion extra funding. Yesterday's White Paper was all about pressure.

Bernused shoppers picking up their copies at Tesco or Sainsbury's will find the same uncompromising tone that has characterised ministerial statements on schools. The document promises "zero tolerance" of underperformance, let alone failure. Most parents are likely to be reassured by the strong line and the retention of promising Tory initiatives. Incursions such as the scrapping of partial selection are few and far between.

The exception to the rule of the satisfied customer may be those whose children are in grant-maintained schools and/or grammar schools. where crucial questions remain to be answered. There may yet be a sting in the tail promised consultation ers, but the glossy pages Excellence in Schools contain nothing but soothing

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Children abused by foster boy sue council

POUR brothers and sisters who were sexually abused by a tecnager fostered by their parents won their High Court action yesterday to seek com-pensation for assault and

osychological trauma. Mr Justice Hooper ruled that the four; who were aged seven to 12 at the time they were abused, could seek damages for negligence from Essex County Council and Anthony Golden, a social worker. The ruling sets a precedent that could result in many similar

However, the judge struck out a claim by the children's parents, who were also seeking redress for post-traumatic shock after discovering what had happened to their children. They claimed that Essex County Council failed to give them warning that the 15-yearold boy they were asked to foster had a background of indecent assault. They said they had specifically said that they did not want to care for somebody who had a history of being a sexual abuser or who could be of harm to their own children.

The question of whether the council had been negligent in this respect will be settled at the compensation case to be

Law Society.

of pressure of work.

A LAW firm that sent a bill for £12,000 to

the grieving mother of one of its solicitors

after he committed suicide has been

closed while being investigated by the

James Beauchamp Solicitors claimed

it spent nine hours, at £150 an hour,

investigating matters at the home of

Christopher Bryant, 54. An inquest was -

told that he had hanged himself because

The firm, based at Edgbaston, West

Brierley, an 80 year-old widow, £150 for

telling her that her son was dead. The

total bill, sent to Mrs Bryant in Novem-

Alexandra Frean reports on a ruling that leaves social workers and local authorities open to negligence claims

brought by the children. Their father, known only as Mr W. said: I am really pleased than the kids claims can go ahead. Then maybe this might stop this kind of thing happening to other children Obviously I'm disap-pointed that our claims haven't got the go-shead, but we don't know what the future holds and this may get over-turned at the Court of Appeal." Mr W said that his children

still had nightmares four years after the incidents. They still have moments where they are very depressed and very quiet and they still see a counsellor," he said.

Essex County Council, which had offered the family an out-of-court settlement. said that it deeply regretted the trauma undergone by the family. It said: "Notwithstanding the council's great sympathy for the parents, and the family as a whole, there is a duty owed by the council to council tax payers not to pay compensation unless they are required by law to do so."
The council is consulting its

Midlands, charged his mother, Ireoe carried out an investigation into James

ber, was for £12,278. The firm later on June 27 and will stay shut until the

insurers to decide whether to appeal against the decision to allow the children's case to go abead. In court, Edward Faulks, QC, for the council. said that previous rulings abused them. The parents had considergiving social workers immunity from negligence actions meant that the council could

the course of their duties. Allan Levy, QC, for the parents, contended that the case was different from previous actions over social workers' negligence, which have been struck out on public policy grounds.

not be held liable for the actions of social workers in

The mother and father have separated as a result of the affair and the children have had extensive psychiatric treatment. The foster child, known as G, admitted in juvenile court in June 1993 indecent assault against the two younger girls and received a two-year supervision order at a young offenders' centre.

The abuse occured in April and May 1993. Mr and Mrs W noticed that their children had become fearful and with-

Suicide bill lawyers investigated

Firm that charged grieving mother is closed, reports Frances Gibb

sion of Solicitors confirmed that it has

temporarily closed the practice. A spokes-

woman said that the action had resulted

from an investigation arising from a

complaint by a member of the Bryant

A spokeswoman for the supervision

office said: "We looked at the conduct

issues and standard of service arising in this case, including the question of gross overcharging, and that led to our investigation. She said that the office

Beauchamp dating back to March of this year after a complaint about the bill to

Mr Bryant's mother. The firm was closed

after they had asked for G to be removed from their home did they discover from their children that the youth had

able experience with children in need of care, and were on a register of people prepared to look after difficult teenagers. They said they were told that they would never have to care for anyone who might be a

They said that had they known the teenager had been put in care in the first place because he had sexually assaulted a seven-year-old girl. they would not have let him into their home.

In allowing the children to pursue their legal action, the judge ruled that social workers placing a child with foster parents have "a duty of care to provide to the loster parents such information as a reasonable social worker would provide" and "the local authority was "vicariously liable for the conduct of its social worker in

client list has been taken over by another

James Beauchamp's two partners,

Andrew Westall and David Waterhouse,

have had their practising certificates temporarily suspended and the six other employees are likely to lose their jobs.

could apply for the suspension to be lifted. "But that would require our

approval and they would have to meet

certain conditions. The partners will face

proceedings in front of a solicitors'

disciplinary tribunal, where they could

be fined, suspended or they could be struck off. At the moment the suspension

The spokeswoman said the partners

firm in the area.

is temporary."



The Speaker with Emma Preece, who "fitted more into her life than some adults"

Political interviewer, 14, dies

politicians for children's television has died suddenly in her mother's arms (Tim Jones writes). Emma Preece. 14, who was described as a "shining star" by her head teacher, suffered a brain

Her mother Anne Preece.

of Romsey, Hampshire, said: "She said that she had a the Speaker of the Commons, Betty Boothroyd, this year for terrible pain in her head. I gave her some paracetamol. I lay with her on the bed, put the BBC's Newsround, after arms around her and held her as she went to sleep. I feel lucky that I was with ber en she died."

taking part in a competition. Lesley Morffew, her head-teacher at Mounthatten School, said: "She fitted more into her life than some adults do in their whole lives."

Solicitors' pay study confirms women earn less

BY FRANCES GIBB LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

WOMEN solicitors are being paid several thousand pounds less than their male colleagues, a Law Society report

said yesterday.

The survey found that among salaried partners. women earned on average £36,890 a year, about £9,090 less than their male counterparts. Among assistant solici-tors, women earned £23,930 and men £27,960.

The report acknowledged that even taking into account factors such as length of experience and the amount of less-well-paid legal aid work done, women still earned far less than men. A male partner still earned on average £3,950 more than a woman, and for assistant solicitors the differ-

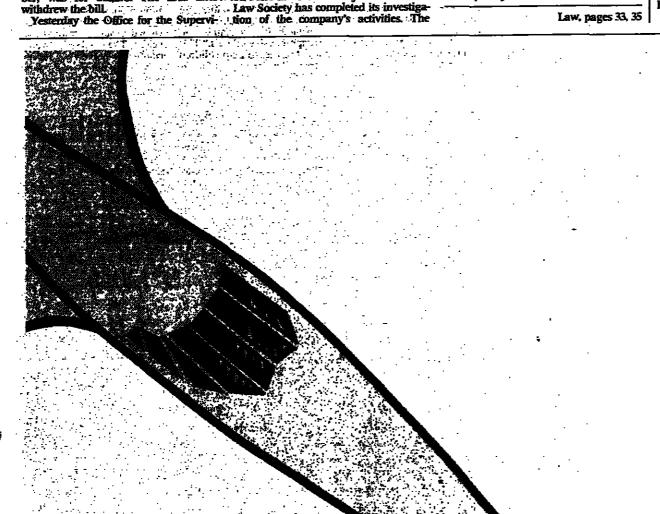
ence was £2,340. The findings by the Law Society's research and policy unit confirm the gender gap in the legal profession highlighted last autumn in figures released by Tony Girling, presi-

dent of the society.

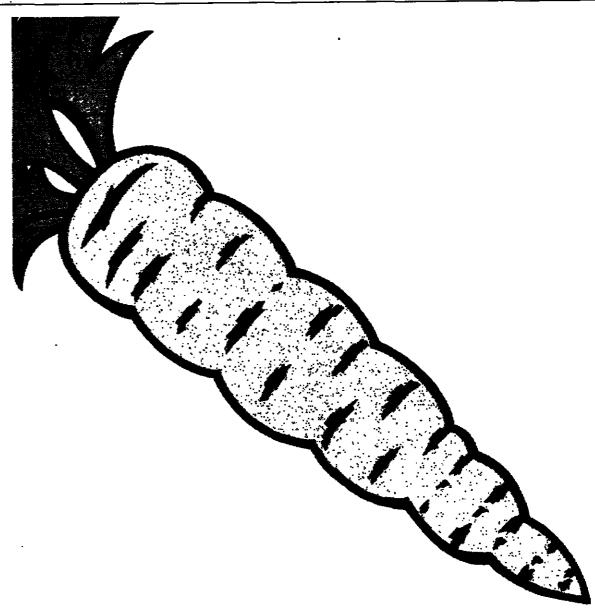
Yesterday Mr Girling launched a joint initiative with Kamlesh Bahl, chairman of the Equal Opportunities Commission, to tackle discrimination and raise awareness among firms. He said he was writing to all 9,000 solicitors' firms in England and Wales urging them to ensure pay practices were fair and lawful.

"At the beginning of my year in office I revealed earnings figures for male and female solicitors that left me feeling shame on behalf of the profession. I find it difficult to believe that any colleague pursues a premeditated policy of discrimination on pay. It is much more likely that these figures reveal unconscious or historic practices," he said.

Ms Bahl, who is also a Law Society council member, said: "The results of the study are deeply disturbing. Unfortunately sex discrimination is not always obvious, especially in complex pay arrangements."



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Windsor love treasures up for sale



Windsor's personal possessions, including love letters, hairbrushes and an array of china pug dogs, will be sold separately at auction in New York in September.

The Windsors' collection in their Paris mansion was bought by the Egyptian-born financier Mohamed Al Fayed after the death of the Duchess in 1986, but now he has decided to clear the house, set in its own grounds in the Bois de Boulogne, and make it into a family home.

The week-long sale, an-nounced yesterday in New York, will start on September Il and is expected to raise about £40 million.

The proceeds will go to charity, but the decision to sell, coming soon after Mr Al Fayed, chairman of Harrods. announced that the mansion would become a private museum, has angered some historians who say it will disperse an extraordinary historical testament and a shrine to the Windsors' love affair.

The collection, to be sold in 40,000 lots and billed as the biggest sale of royal memoraincludes furniture, paintings, books, clothes and thousands of household and personal items, providing a catalogue of the Windsors' life in exile after the heir to the Throne married Wallis Simpson, an American divorcée.

Some of the items are of historical significance, such as

Ben Macintyre in Paris and John Shaw report how historians are disappointed at the decision of owner Mohamed Al Fayed to auction off the estimated £40 million of former royal possessions that chronicle an affair, an abdication and exile

1936 at Fort Belvedere in Sunningdale. Others, such as the tiny satin box containing a morsel of the couple's wedding cake, are poignant memen-toes. The couple moved into the house in 1952 and in her will the Duchess left its contents to the Pasteur Institute. from which they were bought Herald Tribune.

by Mr Al Fayed. The house had fallen into some disrepair during the Duchess's long final illness and Mr Al Fayed was widely praised for his much publicised decision to restore the building and maintain the collection. The cost of the restoration has been estimated at £30 million.

"By preserving with such delicacy the splendours of the objects with incalculable sentimental value, Mr Al Fayed has allowed us to understand better the two heroes of a great love story," Joseph Friedman wrote in an introduction to Hugo Vickers's book, The Private World of the Duke and Duchess of Windsor.

Mr Vickers said he was disappointed that Mr Al Fayed had now chosen to sell.

four children lived in the mansion's top-floor flat, but Mr Al Fayed now wants his growing family to have the run of the whole property. "So much effort was put into restoring the house, and now it will all be disbanded," Mr Vickers told the International

The sale will provide a bonanza for collectors of royal souvenirs while offering another glimpse into the glamorous but strangely obsessive world of the Windsors. The Duke, for example, seldom threw away a piece of clothing and the contents of his wardrobes are a sartorial archive

dating back to his childhood. The Duchess's love of pug. dogs (the couple had nine in total) is reflected in china models, portraits, photographs and a set of handmade pug cushions. Among the most valuable items are their porcelain collection, the Chippendale table with leather plaque at which Edward renounced the Crown, and a set of engraved 1946 Lalique wine

The Windsors were avid hoarders: the villa's library

including works signed by Queen Victoria, as well as souvenirs such as a box of matches owned by Edward VII, a silver basket presented as a wedding gift by Winston Churchill and the sword worn by Edward at his father's coronation.

Until his death the Duke kept at his bedside as a goodluck charm a childhood doll from his mother. Queen Mary. The Windsors never allowed themselves to forget the rank that had been forfeited and one of the odder keepsakes is a triangular cut-glass decanter, commemorating in turn George V's jubilee, Ed-ward's abdication and the coronation of George VI.

The couple's monograms appear everywhere, from her silk lingerie to his shaving brushes, either separately or together to form "WE", for Wallis and Edward. But it is the items most redolent of their love affair that will be the most sought after: a handful of love letters dating from the start of their relationship, a copy of the Duchess's autobiography, The Heart has its asons, with a handwritten dedication to her husband and the framed photographs of the Duchess with which the Duke surrounded his bed.

Perhaps the most moving item is a menu from Buckingham Palace on which, in her own hand, Queen Mary had written the names of Edward's comrades in the Grenadier Guards who were killed on the Western Front.

WORLD SUMMARY

Forest fire threat to Salonika

Athens: Forest fires, probably started by people illegally clearing woodland for future luxury homes, threatened the northern suburbs of Salonika in northern Greece yesterday (John Cart writes).

Residents and soldiers joined the battle against the blaze, which initially raged on nine fronts, driven by high winds after a spell of extraordinarily hot weather. No casualties were reported, but four houses in the town of Retziki. northwest of Salonika, were burnt down on Sunday.

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Swiss payout

Zurich: Switzerland's Holocaust memorial fund will make a first payment of SwF17 million (E7 million) to Jewish Holocaust survivors, primarily in Eastern Europe. Panel members cited the special plight of Holocaust survivors in Eastern Europe, known as double victims" for their inability to get compensation during the Cold War. (Reuter)

Cosby court role

New York: Bill Cosby, the American comic actor, is preparing for an extortion trial of a woman who claims to be his illegitimate daughter (James Bone writes). Autumn Jackson, 22, went on trial for threatening to sell her story to comedian did not hand over \$40 million (£23 million).

Algerian trial

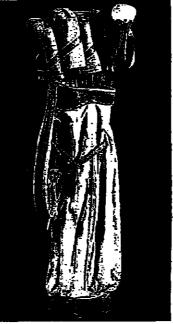
Paris: Abdelkader Hachani. the Islamic leader, went on trial in Algiers on charges of trying to undermine state security, after more than five years in detention. Mr Hachani, who led the Islamic Salvation Front before it was outlawed, faces up to ten years in jail (Reuter)

Party hand-out

Treviso: An Italian Radical Party politician gave away banknotes in protest at the use of taxpayers' money to fund political parties. Marco Pannella, in a lorry carrying 27 billion lire (£950,000), handed 50,000 line notes. (Reuter)



Bertram Park's portrait of Wallis Simpson for her presentation at court in 1931 and, right, the Windsors' Paris drawing room



Golf clubs and a Christian Dior gown are among the lots

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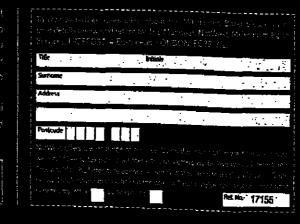
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Clinton in danger of splitting allies with plan to snatch Karadzic

FROM MICHAEL EVANS AND MICHAEL BINYON IN MADRED

A REVISED American plan to snatch Radoyan Karadzic, the indicted war criminal and former Bosnian Serb president, is expected to be part of a new effort by President Clinton to complete all the elements of the Dayton peace accord before American troops are pulled out next



be raised at the Nato summit which opens today and threatens to provoke divisions between those alliance members who feel it is time to take decisive action and others who The war criminals issue will doubt the wisdom of sending

in snatch squads. Britain has focus on Bosnia-Herzegovina in Bosnia are seriously underalways taken a cautious approach, preferring to stick to the wording of the Dayton accord, which places the responsibility of handing over indicted war criminals to the local communines.

However, a senior Nato source said yesterday there was growing frustration over the failure of the community leaders in Bosnia to comply with this part of the Dayton

He said Nato leaders would

over lunch today. Although the idea of sending in snatch squads has been discussed before, and rejected, there are reports of renewed interests in the United States. American unmanned predator spyplanes have been monitoring Dr Karadzic at his base at Pale

for some time. All the Nato leaders are agreed that the failure to deal with the indicted war criminals and the deteriorating political and security situation

Albanian

Socialists

poised

to oust

Berisha

FROM TOM WALKER

UNOFFICIAL results from

the second round of voting in

Albania's general election

suggest yet more gains for the former communist Socialist

Party, which looks to be

heading for the two-thirds

parliamentary majority it

needs to oust President

Berisha. Another crushing

body blow for Mr Berisha's

Democrats came yesterday.

when Tritan Shehu, the party

chairman, resigned after los-

ing his seat in the second

round. This could pave the

way for Mr Berisha to lead

Fatos Nano, chairman of

the Socialist Party, who under the late dictator Enver

Hoxha worked in Albania's Institute of Marxist-Leninist

Studies, is a reformed com-

munist who aspires to the new

Labour politics of Tony Blair.

His close links with the dark

days of Hoxha, however.

make him a hated figure in

much of northern Albania

and his popularity in the

south rests largely on sup-

posed promises he made to

repay investors who suffered

"The coalition government

in the collapse of pyramid

schemes.

the party in opposition.

leave next summer.

mining the Dayton accord and putting at risk the plan to withdraw the alliance-led Stabilisation Force (Stor) in a year's time. Mr Clinica remains adamant that the 20,000 American troops will

However, if Dr Karadzic remains at large and confinues to flout the Dayton accord by wielding political influence in Republika Srpska, it would be difficult for Mr Clinton to withdraw troops and claim

the job of peacekeeping had been completed. Britain, which has 5,000 troops in Posnia, is also committed to leaving if the United States pulls out.

However, the Government has been trying to persuade the Americans to consider taking part in a smaller peacekeeping force after Sfor has been disbanded because of the risk of peace breaking down once the US personnel have

Tony Blair is expected to

raise this issue with President Clinton during the summit. One Nato official said it was vital that the next 12 months were not "souandered", so that when the Sfor troops withdrew they would leave "not a perfect peace" but at

least a "sustainable peace." Yesterday, as Mr Clinton. Mr Blair and other Nato leaders met over dinner on the eve of the summit, feverish negotiations continued to make sure that the main item on the agenda — enlarging the

dealt with today with invitations to Poland, the Czech Republic and Hungary to join the organisation.

Nato sources said last night that whether Romania and Slovenia should also be invited was still being debated. All one official would say was: "It will not be less than three and it will be no more than five, but I guarantee there will

Michael Portillo, page 20

Tehran ordered Lockerbie blast, says ex-Iran spy

By Shirley English and Roger Boyes

NEW evidence which alleges was killed in the disaster, has Iran and not Libya was responsible for the 1988 bombing of the PanAm jumbo jet above Lockerbie in Scotland is to be investigated by the Crown Office in Edinburgh.

Andrew Hardie, the Lord Advocate, is to look into the latest allegations, made in the German magazine, Der Spiegel. by a former Iranian spy, that the bombing was ordered by the late Ayatoliah Khomeini as revenge for the shooting down of an Iranian Airbus by an American warship in July

That December a bomb exploded in the hold of PanAm Flight 103 above Lockerbie, killing all 259 passengers on board and II people on the ground.

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Tam Dalyell, Labour MP for Linlithgow, will raise the matter at the Scottish Grand Committee meeting in Westminster today by calling on the Government to order an independent review of the evidence. He has also tabled a parliamentary question to Tony Blair, due to be heard next Wednesday.

Dr Jim Swire of the pres-103, whose daughter Flora group of Iranian hitmen ac-

written to Robin Cook, the Foreign Secretary, insisting that he seek assurances from Germany that British crimi-nal investigators will be allowed to interview the former Iranian spy, Abolghassem Mesbahi. According to Der Spiegel, Mr Mesbahi, a co-founder of the Iranian intelligence service, told German police investigators that Khomeini ordered the attack in retaliation for the deaths of

290 Iranian passengers acci-

dentally shot down over the Strait of Hormuz by an Ameri-

can warship, the USS Vincennes. Suspicions about Iranian involvement have been circulating for years. In 1995 a leaked US Air Force intelligence report pointed the finger at Iranian agents and claimed that Tehran offered \$10 million (£6 million) to blow up the

The difference this time is that Mr Meshahi was indisputably a senior figure in the Vevak secret police and is regarded by the Germans as a credible witness. Identified only as Source C, he testified in the Berlin trial this year of a

jumbo.

cused, and sentenced, for the murder of Kurdish dissidents. Mr Mesbahi's inside knowledge allowed the German judges to declare that the higher echelons of the Iranian leadership knew about the plot to kill the Kurds in a Berlin restaurant. That triggered a crisis between Iran and the European Union

Mr Mesbahi has been giving fresh details about the Lockerbie attack in his debriefing with the Frankfurt prosecutor. Völker Rath, as well as with detectives and German intelligence. According to the Iranian.

which is still simmering.

the bomb was loaded in separate parts onto a plane in Frankfurt airport with the help of the then representative of Iran Air, who doubled as a secret agent. The bomb was assembled in Heathrow and placed in the PanAm jumbo.

After Khomeini had ordered revenge, Ali Akhbar Velayati, the Foreign Minister, started to plan the operation with the Libyans and with members of the Abu Nidal terrorist group. The Iranians masterminded the whole operation, Mr Mesbahi has reportedly told

has got two-thirds, there is no doubt about this," said Mr Nano, whose Socialists have allied themselves with a broad spectrum of smaller centre-left parties. Signalling a sea change in the way Albania is run. Mr Nano h said he would like the Prime Minister's job, a sure sign that the Socialists will try to downgrade the presidency to a

Mr Berisha has stayed out of the debate in recent days, merely taking every opportu-nity to remind Albanians of Mr Nano's alleged pyramid payback promise.



Two participants keep a wary eye on the bulls in the opening Pamplona run yesterday

Briton hurt in Pamplona bull run

PAUL FLEMING, 25, of no. 31, a Spaniard, was not as people have been killed in the London, was one of two people lucky. He was gored and runs, the last in 1995 when a vesterday on the itrs day of the annual running of the bulls in the Spanish town of Pamplona. He was treated for a neck injury after turnbling and being trampled in the mélée as hundreds of people sprinted down the streets alongside the customary six bulls, but was later

released. Juan Jesús Larraya Cami10in gash in his right leg.

The nine-day San Fermin festival has an encierro (run) each morning. A pack of primarily young men test their machismo in the annual rite of summer by racing 900 yards down a narrow cobblestone street with the bulls, which are on their way from their corral to the bullring. At least 13

foreigner ever to die, was fatally gored. Before 1924, no records were kept of those killed in the ritual, which

dates back to 1591. Nine people were injured on opening day last year, but only one was gored. Officials say they are surprised that more people are not injured, particularly unschooled foreigners.

France 'to join euro but be over budget'

FROM CHARLES BREWNER

FRANCE yesterday brushed aside suggestions that it would fail to qualify for the European single currency, but its Finance Minister made clear that he expected a struggle with Germany on how to

apply the rules. Reassurances of French commitment to the euro by Dominique Strauss-Kahn did little at a European Union Finance Council meeting to hide the growing strain between Bonn and Paris over the

monetary project.

The deadline for launching monetary union in January 1999 must be kept, said M termined to respect what the treaty says." France was "very much closer to the finishing line now", he said.

Asked about talk in Germany of putting off the launch date, the minister said that a delay could prove fatal to the whole scheme.

Lionel Jospin, the French Prime Minister, says he does not expect France to meet the key Maastricht criterion, covering the 1997 budget deficit, but he is confident that France will join the currency. Helmut Kohl, the German Chancellor. who is under domestic pressure to call for a delay in the project, is insisting that the budget test of 3 per cent of gross domestic product (GDP) is absolute.

M Strauss-Kahn said says in the treaty". It was a question of interpretation, he said. This was a reference to France's expected deficit of about 3.5 per cent of GDP.

Gordon Brown, the Chancellor, said: "This project will never gain wide support unless and until it is seen as improving prospects for jobs. output and investment.

Bonn approves Eurofighter

GERMANY is to press ahead with the four-nation Eurofighter project, ending months of uncertainty and fierce spar-. combat jet in Bonn talks to ring between the Finance and Defence Ministries

The decision, leaked by defence sources yesterday, will come as a relief to Britain, which has been lobbying the

with the necessary investment for the pre-production stage Tony Blair and George Rob-ertson, the Defence Secretary. threw their weight behind the save what is regarded as a key project for the European aerospace industry and an important creator of jobs in Britain

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FROM ROGER BOYES Germans hard to come up Finance Minister, has been saying repeatedly over the past 14 days that he wants the fighter to fly, not least because of the 18,000 manufacturing jobs involved in his native Bavaria, although Volker Ruhe, the Defence Minister, has said that the Eurofighter could be produced only if enough funds were made available and guaranteed over

Arrival of toothbrush brings hope for fresh start on Mir

FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN MOSCOW

The arrival of the supplies

means the Russians now have

A CARGO spaceship tarrying tons of vital supplies docked with Russia's accident-prone Mir space station yesterday. Applause broke out at mis-

sion control outside Moscow as the Progress supply ship made a faultless docking. The ship, which will not be opened until today, is carrying two and a half tons of food, fuel, oxygen and vital equipment needed to repair the Spektr module which was damaged

last month in a collision. In the accident on June 25. Michael Foale, the Britishborn US astronaut, was forced to evacuate the module, which was punctured and began to lose air and decompress. Today he will receive 154lb of personal belongings,

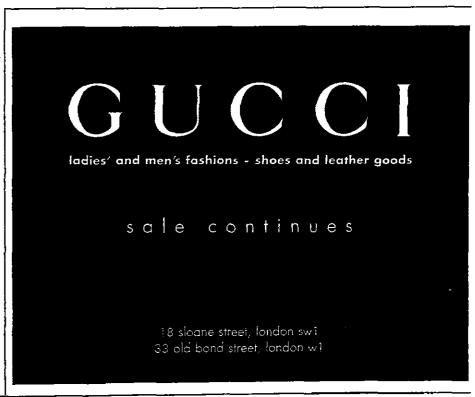
ranging from a toothbrush and a razor to a new computer - all lost when he abandoned his living quarters.

a chance of salvaging their IIyear-old space station, which has been running on reduced power since the accident. The repair operation, described as the most dangerous attempted in space, will involve the two Russian cosmonauts, Vasili Tsibliyev and Aleksandr Lazutkin, trying to re-connect power cables to solar batteries on Spektr, The operation is expected to take several hours, and involves the men working inside the

small, dark module with the threat that their spacesuits could be ripped or damaged. Mr Foale, 40, will be on standby in an emergency escape ship ready to return to Earth with the two Russians if

the operation goes wrong. Experts described the puncturing of the Spektr module as one of the worst accidents in space, though Mr Foale played it down as a "rather exciting moment which certainly got my attention". Since then, he has described himself as like a "dog that lives on the street", forced to borrow clothes and even a toothbrush from his colleagues.

Vasili Tsibliyev, the Mir commander, said of Mr Foale: "He helped us a lot . . . he did more than many other American astronauts.





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Seven die as police smash Kenyan protests



Sam Kiley in Nairobi sees the brutality of President Moi's regime in suppressing the growing clamour for reform

KENYAN police yesterday teargassed worshippers and thrashed MPs with pickaxe handles in Nairobi's All Saints Anglican Cathedral to break up demonstrations calling for political reforms. Two elderly men were beaten close to death as they knelt with heads

bowed near the altar. Two people were killed in central Nairobi and a teenager was killed in Thika. on the outskirts of the capital, police said. Four people died in Nyarahuru town, 60 miles to the west including two men who were crushed when a crowd stampeded as police moved in. In the Nairobi

clashes, the security services ignored attempts by opposider and bludgeoned civilians grabbed at random from the streets in view of tourists in five-star hotels. One of the most prominent

of the victims was the Rev Timothy Njoya, the veteran democracy campaigner and Moderator of the Presbyterian Church of East Africa. He walked with his arms raised in surrender towards a dozen policemen beating their riot shields after firing teargas into the cathedral grounds. One kicked his less from under Mr Njoya, and as he went down



igainst his skull. Dozens of blows landed on the churchman, one of the leaders of the nationwide demonstrations aimed at curbing the powers of President Moi before elections later this year. He was spattered with blood.

Mr Njoya was taken to hospital with a wounded colleague as his followers cried for mercy from the police. watched by astounded tourists gathered in the forecourt of the

exclusive Serena Hotel. Doreen and David Woodcock had been in Kenya for five hours since arriving from Essex. Mrs Woodcock said that she had been in other Third World countries where there had been trouble but was "disappointed" to be trapped in the hotel by battling police and university students hurling stones. Nearby, outside the Intercontinen-tal Hotel, four men trying to

get out of town to avoid the

trouble were set upon by a lorryload of police. They were left gushing blood into a ditch. Jackson Kimbio, an office worker who had been walking home from central Nairobi, staggered along the pavement outside Parliament with a sixinch gash across his head. These people are animals. I cried for mercy but they just went on beating me. I have no interest in politics but if this is the way Moi wants to keep power, he will fall," he said.

Five soldiers inside the partiament gardens then trapped a young man. They grinned and laughed as each swung pick-axe handles into his head and body. A man passing by yelled himself hoarse begging them for mercy. "Leave the boy alone. He is a human being. he screamed. He was ignored.

The protests marked a turning point in Kenyan politics. Conservative by nature, Kenyans have been reluctant to take to the streets in protest

Government. But recent financial scandals and his refusal to register Richard Leakey's Safina movement as a political party have earned him the opprobrium of middle-class

As a sign of how corrupt Mr Moi's regime is, one demonstrator was whipped by officers while another went through his pockets and tried to take his wallet. Such scenes come as little surprise in a

estimated to be one of the richest leaders in Africa. With Sese Seko in Zaire, President Moi now ranks as one of

Africa's biggest billionaires. Kisumu, Mombasa and Nakuru. Kenya's three largest towns outside the capital, were also rocked by opposition demonstrations calling for a curb to Mr Moi's powers.

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Cambodian coup leaves holiday Britons trapped

By Tom Fawthrop in Phnom Penh and Our Foreign Staff

THOUSANDS of foreigners, it sometimes gets pretty rough trapped in their hotels in Phnom Penh during Saturday's Cambodian coup were waiting for the country's international airport to reopen

terday, when Second Prime Minister Hun Sen appeared to have taken control of Phnom Penh from forces loyal to First Prime Minister Prince Norodom Ranariddh.

One group of tourists who were to have visited the temples of Angkor Wat in northern · Cambodia found themselves trapped in the Joyce McCallum, 39, from Glasgow. who was there with her husband and two children, said she had no intention of leaving the country. She planned to stay with friends in a nearby provincial town. "I'm

including Britons, who were at night in Glasgow," she said. She felt safe enough in the hotel, but it was running out of food and drink. Another British national

working in Phnom Penh who ventured out on Saturday at gunpoint by soldiers and robbed of his camera and mobile phone. Guests were also tracoed in their hotels by an 8pm to 6am curfew, imposed by municipal authori-

ties on Saturday. In London, the Foreign Office said it was concerned about the fighting, but had no immediate plans to evacuate its 360 citizens there: It urged Britons caught up in the trouble to stay in their homes: and stock up on water, food and fuel.

There have been no British casualties, and three Britons were among a group of 46 foreigners who reached the

Thai border on Sunday after fleeing the fighting in Battambang province in the northwest, the Foreign Office

the Cambodian capital in the aftermath of Hun Sen's coup which has neutralised all the Phnom Penh strongholds of his former coalition partner, the royalist Funcinpec party. The airport remained closed

yesterday, but flights are expected to resume today, with several evacuation planes organised by the That and Australian embassies. The Royalist forces in Phaom Penh have either sur-

rendered or fleat Prince Ranariddh, who has filed to France, vowed to organise resistance against Hun Sen. "We must have an emissary outside Cambodia," he said.

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Mexicans hail poll as triumph for democracy

FROM TUNKU VARADARAJAN IN MEXICO CITY

MEXICO swung to the Left yesterday as voters dealf the ruling Institutional Revolutionary Party (PRI) its worst setback in seven decades of power, depriving it of control of the lower House of Congress and the capital.

With more than four-fifths of the votes counted in the first unquestionably free elections in the country's history, the left-wing Party of the Demo-cratic Revolution (PRD), led by Cuanhiémoc Cardenas, made impressive gains in Congress Señor Cardenas captured the office of Mayor of Mexico City.

The PRL which has turned the country into a virtual one-party state during 68 years in-power, also conceded defeat in two key gubernatorial elections in the industrial north.

Although full official results will not be released until tomorrow, the preliminary count gives the PRI about 229 of the lower House's 500 seats, a sharp decline from the 302 it held previously. The conservative National Action Party

(PAN) has secured 129 seats. Zedillo's. He is already the up from 118. The biggest gain. vever, was made by the PRD, which has seen its number of seats rise to 126. from 70 in the last elections.

In the Mexico City race, the ruling party's candidate, Alfredo del Mazo, won only 25.4 per cent of the vote. He did, however, win much admiration for the gracious man-ner in which he accepted his defeat and congranulated his victorious rival — an attitude alien 10 Mexican political

President Zedillo, of the PRI, also enhanced his reputation by offering Senor Cardenas his "heartfelt congranulations". Describing the elections as an irreversible, definitive and historic step towards democratic normality", he extended his "respectful collaboration to the new

Mayor. Señor Cárdenas will be no ordinary Mayor. He will be governing a city of nearly 20 million people from offices

leading candidate for the country's next presidential elections in 2000.

Yesterday, Senor Cardenas appealed for a "democratic consensus", while also sending soothing signals to inves-tors abroad who are perturbed by his opposition to the North American Free Trade Agreement (Nafta), which links Mexico with the United States and Canada. During his election campaign, he called re-peatedly for a "radical modification" of the accord, which he regards as being at the root of Mexico's economic

The PAN won the governorships in the prosperous northern states of Nuevo León and Queretaro: in the former, it took 50.4 per cent of the vote. in the latter, 52 per cent. Buoyed by the party's show-

ng. Vicente Fox, the PAN Governor of the state of Guanajuato, announced vesterday his candidature for the next presidential election, which is

A mariachi band în Mexico City's main square leads thousands celebrating the election of Cuauhtémoc Cárdenas as Mayor yesterday

test between him and Señor Cardenas, with the PRI possibly resigned to exclusion from Los Pinos, the Mexican "White House".

Analysts were united vesterday in the view that Mexicans cratic terrain. The positive effect of these elections on the national psyche canno: be exaggerated. The country is in a state of pleasant shock; more than 70 per cent of the 52 million registered voters aus: their ballots and there were scarcely

any reports of irregularities. Bewildered citizens, in fact, were treated to the spectacle of an angry complaint to the election commission from the PRI, which has accused a small news agency of "prejudicing" the party's performance by running critical opinion polls on the Internet. The only real problems were encountered in the troubled southern state of Chiapas. where sympathisers of the Zapatista guerrilla group burnt polling stations and forced several villagers to stay away from the elections. Perhaps the most bizarre incident happened in Guadalajara. where a PAN official observer was arrested after he allegedly tried to rape a four-year-old

Madonna and cow apology in Israel

CHRISTIANS were offered a

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN JERUSALEM

public apology by Binyamin Netanyahu, the Israeli Prime Minister, yesterday after an illustration showing the head of a cow superimposed on the Virgin Mary appeared in a magazine. Just days earlier, Mr

Netanyahu and President Weizman issued separate apologies to the Muslim world after a Jewish extremist distributed posters depicting the Prophet Muhammad as a pig. The posters sparked riots in Hebron and protests in Iran and Bangladesh. Both the Greek Orthodox

and Latin patriarchates protested about the photo-mon-tage in the Hebrew science magazine Galileo. Stephan Savitsky, the publisher, told The Jerusalem Post that the illustration accompanied an article on the possibility of a human foetus being born from an animal's womb. "The editors of the magazine, who simply related to the picture of the Madonna and Child as that of a mother and child. was unaware of its religious significance," he said - an explanation that caused more fury among Christians.

Mr Netanyahu was quick to respond. "I am deeply sorry about the hurt," he said. ☐ Minister named: Yaacov Neeman, the former Justice

Minister, will take over the Finance portfolio, Mr Netanyahu announced. The appointment was part of a complex package of measures designed to overcome further threats of resignation after last month's decision to quit by Dan Meridor, the popular Finance Minister.

Rover and 'Barnacle Bill' meet

Pasadena: The Sojourner rover yesterday became the first mobile vehicle to roam another planet when it travelled 16 inches over the powdery red soil of Mars, coming to a stop face-to-face with a lumpy rock that has been dubbed Barnacle Bill.

Sojourner and Barnacle Bill are holding hands." Brian Muirhead, deputy project manager, said late on Sunday as a television feed at Nasa's Jet Propulsion Laboratory showed the six-wheeled rover next to the pock-marked rock. Sensors showed that it had made contact.

"She is the robotic equivalent of Neil Armstrong on Mars," Henry Moore, a rover scientist, said proudly. "She's your field geologist."

Senate inquiry opens into Democrat campaign funds

FROM BRONWEN MADDOX IN WASHINGTON

A US Senate investigation into fund-raising scandals finally opens today as new evidence emerged that Asian money was illegally funnelled into last year's presidential

The investigation, headed by Senator Fred Thompson. the former film actor, is the most extensive yet conducted into the financing of an elec-tion. It is seen in Washington as probably the last chance to uncover damaging facts about the November elections, the most expensive in United States history, before attention turns to next year's congressional elections.

The committee has issued 200 subpoenas before the 12 days of hearings it will hold

this month. Republicans have been outraged that Mr Thompson, repeatedly named as a potential candidate for the 2000 presidential race, intends to investigate his own party's finances as well as widespread allegations of illegal or inap-

propriate Democratic fund-New reports that Indonesian money was illegally chan-nelled to the Democratic campaign surfaced yesterday. in an apparent leak from Mr Thompson's Governmental Affairs committee. The Washington Post reported that John Huang, a former employee of the Commerce Department, had used a property company

to funnel money from Indone-

into the Democratic

Huang, who at that time was employed by the Indonesian Lippo Group, allegedly used a subsidiary of the group, called Hip Hing Holdings, to channel \$79,000 (£47,000) to the campaign. Mr Huang a recurrent

figure in the Democratic fund-raising affair, has made clear

election campaign. Mr

that he would invoke the Fifth Amendment against self-incrimination if called to testify to Mr Thompson's committee. Another report, in The New York Times, said President Clinton took a personal interest in employing Mr Huang, going so far as to ask the Democratic National Committee whether Mr Huang would be hired.

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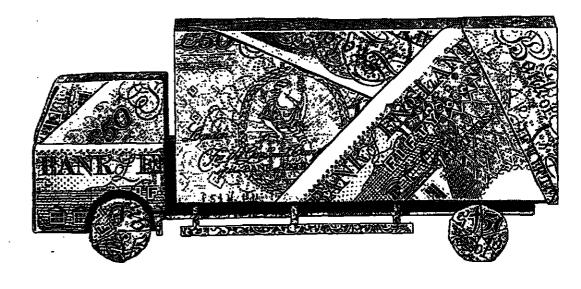
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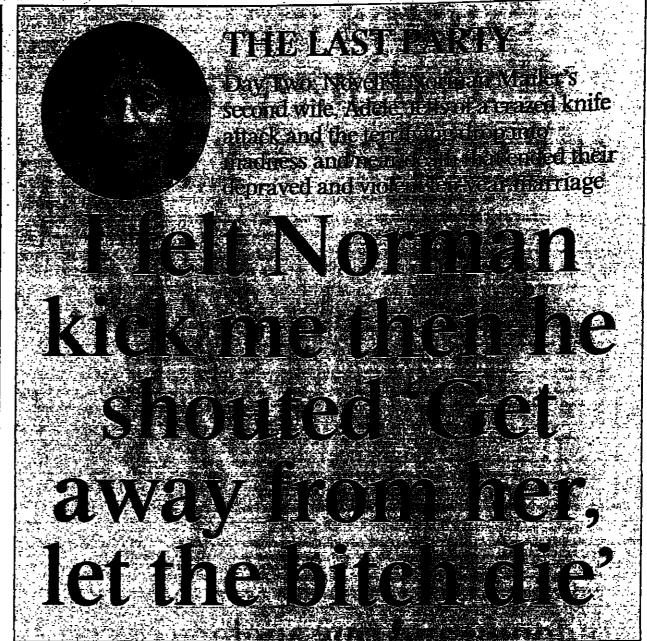
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After being charged, Norman Mailer is escorted from his New York jail cell to speak to his lawyer



for our oghue. It would also serve another purpose. He wanted it to be a promotional party for his campaign as a candidate for the Mayor of New York City. I was so depressed that

the last thing we needed to do was throw a big party. The big event was due to start about nine, but Norman was on his own kick early in the afternoon, smoking pot and swilling bourbon. He got home about eight. He had sobered up a bit, but was still pretty drunk. I showered and put on an expensive black velvet dress. Norman wore a bullfighter's shirt.

Two Martinis before the party helped to quiet the feeling of dread that had been with me all day. By the time bodies I'd had a lot more to drink, and was overwhelmed by a feeling of impending danger. Crashers came and went, cartons of liquor disap-pearing down their gullets. The smell of pot mingled with the odour of unwashed bodies. Canapés and cigarette butts vere ground into the carpet.

My husband, whom Id hardly spoken to given the density of the crowd, had left the party out of his head on booze and drugs. By 4am, everyone had gone but me. Lester Blackiston (a friend of Norman) and a black guy who



Mailer is taken away in a "paddy wagon" after his arrest

were making drunken chatter when, suddenly, Norman ap-peared, his shirt as torn and bloody as his face. He had a black eye. I hardly recognised him his face was twisted and him, his face was twisted and he was so drunk I don't think he knew where he was. He charged into the living room like a crazed bull, looking for anyone, anything on which to stared at him and for one insane moment [became the matador, waving my red cape, hating him, taunting him, my drunken anguish and fury

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may have been a crasher. We matching his. Then he gored me near my heart and in my back with a dirty 3in penknife. I stood still, feeling nothing.
I put my hand on my side and
it was wet. Hooked at my palm
and it was covered wiiff blood.
"Oh dear Jesus, help the T said, and fell. I lay there in my blood-soaked dress, unable to move. Norman stood there and looked at me, while the black stranger tried to help me

he said to Norman, what

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get her to a hospital." It was amazing how clearly I heard and saw everything - as if it were happening to someone else. I felt Norman kick me. "Get away from her, let the bitch die." The black man tried to pick me up again to get me away from my husband and out of the apartment. Norman shoved him away, and I fell back, still conscious. Norman grabbed the guy, punching him as they wrestled all over

Blackiston had left, so there was just the madness of two men fighting while I lay there. Finally, my new friend knocked Norman to the floor, picked me up, ran to the elevator and helped me down to the lobby. There was still a cluster of half-drunk party a doctor and an ambulance By this time, my rescuer had

never saw him again. Donald Ogden Stewart Jr held my hand, trying to reassure tae. But another voice police I'd fallen on a broken profest. The police came before the ambulance; they wanted to know who did it. "I don't know," I cried. "There were pieces of broken bottle on the floor, and I tripped and fell." All of Norman's friends literary and otherwise, had

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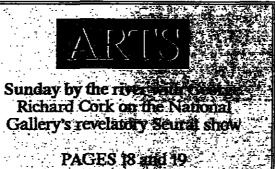
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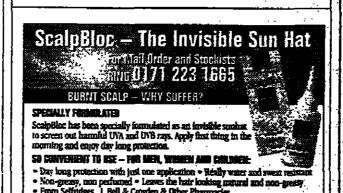
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see me a couple of hours after I was taken from the recovery room. I was still hurting, so weak I could hardly talk. That didn't stop her nagging me to stick to my story about falling on a broken bottle.

orman slipped in late the night after. At one point, his examining the operation. I psychiatrist came to see me. panicked, and He said that in the circum-reached for the bell. "Baby, stances, I could easily obtain a don't do that, I just came to see how you were. "Well, you can see. Now get out," I said. efing a wave of nausea. He bent to kiss me, and I recoiled. "I just want to talk to you." he said. He looked haggard and strained. There was a silence as he stared at me, frowning. "You didn't tell the police, did you? You're going to stick to the broken-glass story, aren't you?""Yes, yes, now go away."

He tried to put his arms' around me. "Why are you so scared? That's the one thing ! can't stand. Do you know, I watched you being wheeled into the operating room, and I'd never seen you look so beautiful. Don't you understand why I did it? I love you; I

had to save you from cancer." There was no apology, no remorse. Only the rantings of a sociopath. Still, he seemed bewildered, and I knew he was scared. I felt completely alone, and despite my fear and anger, I looked into his face,

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and felt a momentary pity. We were in such terrible trouble, Norman more so because he had never been able to look at himself. He had many intellectually devious ways to hide his feelings so deeply that he had to invent a surface reality. He cried but, even in my grief, I knew his were tears of selfpity. It was all gone between us, and I mourned the tears that were not for me.

The detectives came to question me again. "You have a knife wound, Mrs Mailer, we need you to tell us who did it."

"All right," I sobbed, "my husband did it," After his arraignment, Norman was sent for psychiatric evaluation. divorce. He said Norman had been diagnosed as a paranoid schizophrenic with suicidal and violent tendencies kidding." I said. He added that in his opinion, my husband was dangerous to himself and others, and recommended a series of shock treatments. He had the papers with him, and explained that I was the only one with the authority to sign the release. I was tempted but, in the end. I decided not to.

I was getting advice about pressing charges from all over. Some people advised me to put him in jail, and it was even said it would be good for him, that he would be forced to work on that big novel he had been promising to write. Then there were the "intellectuals" and writers, some of whom had been in that lobby while I waited for an ambulance, who were so afraid for their reputations that they fled as soon as the cops came. Now they were

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in my room, not out of concern for me, but for Norman, shoving a petition under my nose. I had to hear again what a tragedy it was for him, great writer, brilliant, blah, blah, blah. They needn't have bothered, since I had no intention

of signing the release. I was in intensive care for three weeks. But after being away for a little more than a month, it was time to go home. Norman was due to come home from Bellevue in about a

'I could have put him away for 15 years; he got five years' probation. Norman was all

admiration at my performance'

week, but for now I was alone,

exhausted and still weak. The day of his release, I must have been living in a fantasy. I put on a pretty nightgown and carefully made up my face. The doctor from Bellevue had told me he thought Norman was still agitated and depressed, but there was little I could do about his state of mind. He was coming home to this apartment, and that was it. I told myself that if he were still dangerous, he would still be in hospital. Whatever else had happened, I knew Norman would never harm the children. As for me, what more

could he do? I was still in bed when the doorbell rang. I tried not to cry, aware of my bandages. I had been so lonely, and a small part of me still wanted him back. I readied myself as I heard him coming down the hall and into the bedroom.

We looked at each other, not touching. His eyes were angry and cold. Mine were full of tears. Neither of us spoke. He bent to kiss me, and I shrank from his touch, "Goddamn it," he swore. "I can't stand you being afraid of me." "I'm sorry," I said. "I have to get used to everything." We made casual conversation, as if nothing had happened. There was so much that neither of us

lared talk about. The grand jury investiga-tion was pending, and Norman asked me to testify that I did not know who had stabbed me. "I will. but that's perjury." I said. I was assured that I would be protected. My grand jury appearance was not for Norman, but for my kids. They loved him, and I didn't want to have them grow up with a father in prison.

I wasn't prepared for the prosecution's grilling but I gave the performance of my life, and Norman was all admiration. In the end, he changed his plea from not guilty to third-degree assault. I could have put him away for 15 years had I testified against him. All he got was five years' probation.

he following winter was a blur. I had my family and his to the house for Christmas. Norman got fan mail from across the country, most repeating his lawyer's comment: Talent like his must be Norman's social life escalat-

ed. He partied incessantly. I was still in bed, barely able to get around. One night. I asked him to stay home: "I need you. I don't want to be alone tonight." "Tough," he said. It was 6.30am when I heard the front door click. The dam broke and my body shook with the force of my rage. The next day I called my lawyer.

After our divorce, Norman was in the media constantly. For a hundred Sundays, I drank my morning coffee, reading The New York Times another wife, another book, kudos, Pulitzer prizes, milliondollar contracts, one of the highest advances for a book since Hemingway.
It took 28 years and a couple

bourbons for Norman to blurt out one sentence: "Adele, I'm sorry I trashed your life." happened at our daughter Betsy's wedding party in 1988 at his apartment. But there was something grudging and condescending in the way he

That year I wrote a onewoman show about my family. Encouraged by its reception, I decided to write Act Two, from age 19 to the present. I took it into my head to read it to Norman. I thought wanted to read it to him because it centred on everything that happened before and after our divorce.

I tried not to look at him as I read, but when I did, I could see him frowning. I was recreating some painful scenes for us both. At one point, I thought I saw tears in his eyes. But they were immediately covered by a sullen mask.

it ended, and there was silence, neither of us wanting to look at the other. I touched his shoulder. "C'mon Nor-man," I said, and bent to kiss his cheek. He scowled, turning his head away. I was reaching out for some acknowledgement of the past, that our pain and suffering hadn't been for nothing, "It was a good read," he mumbled. "There's just one thing." Oh-oh, I thought, here it comes. Then he said: "Every-thing is OK, except I never said 'f** to the maid."

Adapted from The Last Party by Adele Mailer (Blake Publishing, £16,99)

The last chance for a woman in a swimsuit?

Camilla Parker Bowles would be a fool not to assist in the shaping of her destiny, says Jane Shilling

t must be very odd. being Camilla Parker Bowles, in the aftermath of Diana, Princess of Wales's Panorama interview, she was reviled by the media in terms usually reserved for Myra Hindley during one of her periodic bids for

She was the "third person in the marriage". the bad fairy who

turned the dream wedding to dust and ashes. But over the past weekend she has found herself (unless she follows the Prince of Wales's habit of ignoring the vulgar prints) the subject of an extraordinary volte-

With screening of a sympathetic television biography, the press the Church of England, in the per-Archdeacon of York - most of middle England,

in fact — have come round to the view that Camilla Parker Bowles is A Good Thing. In the curiously old-fashioned turn of phrase employed by one paper which usually takes a more politically cor-rect line, it is "time to let Prince Charles make an honest woman of Mrs Parker Bowles".

This, you might have thought, would have been the very moment for the Prince and his mistress to dispense with the increasing ly absurd subterfuges with which their relationship has for so long been encumbered and allow themselves to be pictured together. But no. Yesterday's royal-watching tabloids had Prince Charles on the inside pages romping paternally with Prince Harduring polo at Cirencester. On the front pages, mean while, Mrs Parker Bowles stands alone, snapped in a state of fetching undress at the back of her Wiltshire home, the only vantage point from which the paparazzi (and, doubtless, Mrs Parker Bowles herself) know they can grab a shot. She is dressed for a poolside party, in a flowery bathing suit revealing a magnificent

cleavage and the sort of fine.

hard-muscled thighs that you only get from bouncing about on a hunter for years on end. She looks, as well she might, pensive.

unenviable one. She is soon to be 50; divorced; her child-

Her position is, however you consider it, a most ren grown up; and she finds herself, in late middle-age.

great-grandmother. Alice Keppel, she has character, a sound temperament she wouldn't dream of doing anything frighten the

Charles when they were both

much younger (My greatgrandmother and your great-grandfather were lov-ers, so how about it?"), that

she has the perfect blood line

for a royal mistress. Like her

But while Mrs Keppel was able son with Edward VII in respectable comfort, acknowledged by the King's immediate social circle, but unknown to the country at large, Mrs Parker Bowles's every move is subject to the judgment of British public opinion in its permanent state of high moral hysteria. For loving the Prince of Wales she is subject to

Camilla Parker Bowles: good for the Prince what he himself in the Camillagate tapes described as "indignities and tortures and calumnies". She cannot eat a hotdog at an agricultural show without its making front page news, complete with repellent innuendo.

And as the details of her private life are served up as public entertainment. Prince Charles is said, by the ubiquitous royal "friends", to "prefer to bury his head in the sand" — a position characteristic of his sex and class at times of stress.



The Prince: true love?

The Princess: left behind

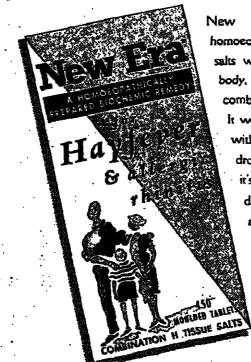
engaged in that most emo-tionally exhausting of all relationships, a longstanding love affair with a man who is in no position to marry her.

Now, one might point out. as Mrs Parker Bowles herself notoriously did to Prince

The Princess famously complained of being "raped" by the press. yet she enjoyed a status and a degree of protection un-dreamt of by Mrs Parker Bowles in her deeply lonely and irregular situation. when it suited the Princess. the air of something altogether more consensual.

At a time when it must seem to Mrs Parker Bowles that her personal destiny and future happiness are to be determined by public opinion and the media. she would be a fool not to resolve to take an active part in the shaping of that destiny. And no one, in the midst of all the opprobrium, has ever called

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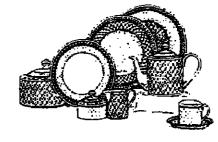
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A National Gallery exhibition sheds new light on a masterpiece, Richard Cork writes



Bathers at Asnières: when first displayed, nobody recognised Seurat's exceptional achievement, and plenty of viewers mocked his grave, hieratic approach to modern life

t an age when most artists are still struggling to discover their vision, Seurat announced his maturity. His monumental canvas Bathers at Asnières, painted when he was 24, seems almost effortless. Its figures inhabit the riverside setting with absolute finality. Their grandeur seems unforced and inevitable. Nothing can shake the picture's magisterial calm, and it usually presides over the National Gallery's 19th-century rooms

with imperturbable authority. For the rest of the summer. though, this prodigious image has been placed at the heart of an enthralling exhibition in the Sainsbury Wing. The pictures accompanying it demon-strate how much thought and labour went into the planning masterpiece. The organisers, John Leighton and Richard Thomson, have brought toher most of the surviving drawings and paintings he produced in preparation for the *Bathers* canvas. They are the work of an extraordinarily methodical young man, who seems to have advanced with precocious confidence towards painting worthy to hang beside the masters of the past.

He succeeded in his amhition. Bathers could be displayed near Piero della Francesca's work without any

Sunday by the river with George sense of inadequacy. But when Seurat submitted his painting to the Paris Salon of 1884, it

ment, and plenty of viewers mocked Seurat's grave, hieratic approach to modern life. In one sense, their lack of sympathy is puzzling. After all. Bathers proclaims his loyalty to tradition by investing its subject with the stillness and severity of a classical frieze. But perhaps the elevatseemed inappropriate for such a mundane scene. Instead of placing his figures in an idyllic locale he chose an unprepossessing stretch of the Seine outside Paris. It was built up, polluted and, as Monet had disclosed in an untypical painting called Men unloading Coal, highly industrial. The despondency of that dour, oppressive picture is more

akin to Doré's Dickensian

was rejected. Nobody recog-

nised its exceptional achieve-

images of London than Monet's usual seductive vision of sunlight and river-dazzle. Not that Seurat emphasised

the grinding drabness of Asnières. He was careful to relegate factories to the distance, where their chimneys take on the elegance of slender Greek columns. The sails on the river could hardly be more pristine, and no hint of soot smirches the laundered white coat of the man reclining in the foreground.

In several of the delectable panels Seurat painted while limbering up for his large canvas, horses stand or move through the river. They add an air of enchantment. and I found myself regretting their exclusion from the final painting. But he may have decided that they were too unruly. A bather rides barehack on a white mount in one captivating little oil sketch, and their motion probably seemed distracting once Seu-rat had decided to opt for stillness. Another panel, dominated by the unexpected form of a pale, seated child, shows half of a rainbow arching over the factories beyond. Seurat might well have found it over-

he longer these pre-liminary paintings clearer his subtle inpicturesque prettiness, he was just as ready to play down the smoke spreading so obtrusively across the sky in another panel. Smoke can still be detected in the big canvas, for Seurat had no desire to pretend that industrialisation did not exist. At the same time, he allows much of its noxious thickness to be subsumed in heat-haze. This ability to evoke the shimmering quality of summer light gives Bathers much of its coherence, and helps to explain why all the figures seem spellbound by

the sun. Seurat was a consummate draughtsman, and the excurisite conté crayon studies for

individual bathers illuminate his purpose as well. Drawn for the most part from models posed in his studio, they emerge from the darkness like sculptures encountered in a shadowy museum at night. By making these careful life studes, Seurat was adhering to hallowed academic principles. The poses he favoured likewise display his awareness of Poussin, Ingres and lesser

Compared with the splashenliven some of the small panels, Bathers reduces movement to a minimum. In the distance, a boatman rows a top-hatted man and his companion over to the island. But they are diminutive, and the bathers cannot be bothered to smirk at the pomposity of this bourgeois couple and the French flag folded in their sleek, green boat. Seurat may have intended to satirise their stuffiness, and they lack the dignity of the foreground group. On the whole, however. Bathers displays scant interest in the social comedy that plays an increasingly brittle part in his later work.

human body, invariably fe-

A profound serenity pre-

vails. The sails add a discreet vivacity, and the curves of their sails are echoed in the trees, the inlet slicing through the riverbank and the triangular shadow cast by the seated bather's arm. The figures themselves, though, appear boulder-like in their massive immoveability. Each seems curiously isolated and apart, despite the illusion of communal pleasure. An incipient melancholy can be detected in their isolation, and the picture's gravity surely reflects Seurat's own high seriousness. But it is in no sense a

mournful painting. The fasci-nation with light which gives the oil studies so much sparkle is carried over triumphantly to the final canvas. Although Seurat was already fascinated by the challenge of conveying colour's complexities through the play of complementary hues, he had not yet evolved a method. Traces of Pointillism peppering the orange hat, but they seem little more significant than a scatter of confetti. What really unifies the painting is the sensuous, supbrushwork, humanising the bathers' remoteness and erupting on the edge of the nearest stretch of riverbank with especially vibrant chromatic intensity. While helping to account for the figures' sturor, this luminous warmth ensures that suburban Asnières is transformed, against the odds, into an everyday

• Seurat and the Bathers, sponsored by Pearson, is at the National Gallery (0171-747 2885) until

Called by his master's voice

the long arm of coinci-dence has done it again. Sir Simon Rattle conducting the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra and Chorus in Belshazzar's Feast would have been a sensational enough ending to the EMI Centenary Gala in Symphony Hall. But with the vocal forces doubled by the Cleveland Orchestra Chorus, in Birmingham for the Voices in the City festival, the effect

If the participation of nearly 400 voices could do nothing to enhance textural clarity, well prepared though both contingents, were, it certainly did everything for orginatic excess. In fact, after Belshazzar — through Walton's wickedly pagan choral writing and Rattle's fearless application of dynamic energy - had inspired such an acoustic feast, one could only regret that he was so peremptorily slain for it. The celebration of his demise had all the virtues of buoyancy and brilliance, not to mention the high comedy of an early organ entry in the closing bars, but it was tame in comparison.

As for the writing on the wall, though it spells out Richard Strauss as clearly as anything else, it was a spinechilling moment. The baritone soloist Simon Keenlyside was even more effective here than in his more oratorical utterances earlier on.

For Elgar's Violin Concerto Nigel Kennedy returned to a role which, until he recorded The Four Seasons and then so wisely took refuge in longterm time-out, was in public perception exclusively his. He still does the clowning but, as he demonstrated by using his button-holing of the audience to introduce two movements of unaccompanied Bach (the Prelude in E and the Adagio in C), he is no less serious a musi cian for that.

CONCERT

Indeed, his interpretation of the Elgar concerto was so serious that his disproportionately lingering interpretation of the cadenza put the last movement quite out of shape, But he did play beautifully here, as he had in the Andante, where the sweetness of the sound did much to compensate for the sometimes abrasive quality of the bravura passages in high positions in the first movement. And for sheer physical and emotional stamina his performance is even more impressive than it was before.

Gala charity concerts (this one was in aid of EMI's Music Sound Foundation) are not usually associated with first performances. It is to the credit of this one that, alongside the soft centre and the hard edge of British music, it postulated a taurine fringe in the form of Mark-Anthony Turnage's Four-Horned Fandango. The horns are actually those of the CBSO, for whom the work was written, but there is something bullish about the piece in the way it keeps it head down and charges about without actually making contact where it

Rarely exploiting the upper register of the solo instruments, and restricting orchestral participation largely to strings and percussion, it be-gins in the depths like Ravel's La Valse, retains its characteristically dark colouring throughout and develops a powerful . rhythmic thrust without, frustratingly, opening out meledically or

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A guide to the best available recordings, presented in conjunction with Radio 3

SAINT-SAENS'S *SAMSON* ET DALILA reviewed by Roger Nichola

The third of Saint-Saens's 12 operas, Samson et Dalila is alone in having gained a place in the repertory. A place hardly won, too; Liszt conducted the preonly in 1892 did the Paris Opera deign to follow suit. The work's popularity is due largely to Dalila's three wonderful arias and to the opportunities for a Samson who is both lover, religious leader and demolisher of temples. Of the seven recordings available, the oldest - taken from a live performance at the New York Met in 1936 - features Ezio Pinza as the High Priest. But unfortunately the level of sur-

stylish singing of José Luccioni and Helene Bouvier. One of the main difficulties in singing Dalila is to convey both her sensuality and desire for vengeance. Elena Obrazisova and Rita Gorr, in recordings conducted by Barenboim and Pretre, impress on the vengeance front but too often

abjure the tenderness.

face noise rules it out. The

studio recording made ten

years later under Louis Fourestier (EMJ CMS 5 65263-

while also marred by tinny

sound, is well worth studying

for the wonderfully fluent and

Another live stage recording from the 1988 Bregenz Festiva features Marvana Lipovsek and Carlo Cossutta, with Sylvain Cambreling conducting. Here it is the Samson who is too unresponsive to melting moments.

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This leaves two contenders. The 1989 version conducted by Sir Colin Davis (Philips 426 243-2) has a passionate Samson in José Carreras, and for unparalleled storms, climaxes and choral fun; only the presence of a somewhat harsh Agnes Baltsa spoils it. •

The dream team consists of Plácido Domingo and Waltraud Meier, on the most recent recording with forces of the Paris Opera-Bastille conducted by Myung-Whun Chung (EMI CDS 7.54470-2, £31.99), who responds vividly to the continuous fluctuations of emotion and texture. Domingo is heroic but never crass, while Meier is utterly convincing as both seductress

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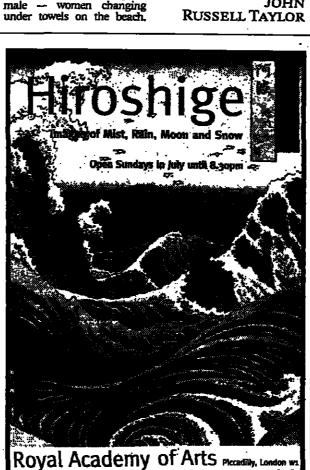
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AROUND THE LONDON GALLERIES CLIFFORD HALL (1904-THE summer show of French drawings at Hazlitt, Gooden 1973) was a remarkably con-

& Fox has become such a fixture of the London art calendar that it comes as something of a surprise that this year's is only the tenth. The selection has little to do with just going for big names: about the biggest here are Bonnard, with an exquisite narrow upright image of a young woman in a public garden, and Maillol with a characteristic nude. But among the lesser men, like Forain, Guys and Anquetin, there are wonders. Hazlitt, Gooden & Fox, 38 Bury Street, SWI (0171-930 6422), until July 18

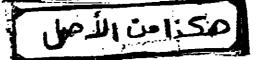
☐ DURING the 20th century the still-life has been under something of a cloud. It has never lost its popularity with the conservative collector, but it has been in the critical doldrums, pegged as a minor art form. Then the National Gallery's eye opening 1995 exhibition Spanish Still-life from Velazquez to Goya proved that Melendez was up there with the greatest Spanish painters, chosen genre notwithstanding. The show La Nature Morte is therefore timely. Some may prefer to steer clear of the slightly gruesome assemblages game birds or fish, but it is perfectly possible, among this array of flowers, fruit and game from 1600 to 1900, to stick with the flower pieces, which are always pretty if sometimes a little overwhelming in their ornateness and wilful virtuosity. Rafael Vals, 11 Duke Street and 6 Ryder Street, SWI (0171-930 1144), until July 18

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Benedict Nightingale sees the serious and rather sad side of Vanbrugh's comedy of marriage

Her old man's a dustbin

f people marry for title or money rather than love or even liking, and they are also of very different ages and dispositions, is it surprising if the conjugal bed is not a hugely serene spot? And is there not a point at which hely deadlock becomes so degrading that fidelity can no longer be demanded of deither men or women?

Divorce, alimony, and Californian-style tolerance of everything short of incest have

The Provoic Sine

taken the sting out of these questions in our era; but they dog Restoration and post-Restoration comedy, at times creating a palpable unease

amid the fluttering fans.

The Old Vic programme goes on so long and earnestly about this topic that one approaches The Provok'd Wife itself with apprehension. Will Lindsay Posner's production of Vanbrugh's play prove to be a sort of study-kit too? Well, some of the proceed-

ings could be funnier, and some of the acting could be wittier too. But at other times - when, for instance. Tim McInnerny's Heartfree is agonising about whether he fears marriage more than he loves Clare Swinburne's Bellinda there is a fine balance between the serious and the comic sides

But McInnerny's delicious

vaciliations belong more to the subplot than the main one. That concerns the cataclysmically mismatched Brutes. "She's a wifty lady, a virtuous elady, yet I hate her, says Michael Pennington's Sir John at the start, his disbelieving emphasis suggesting a tourist who has booked into a five-star hotel that someone has omitted to build. And Victoria Hamilton's Lady Brute reciprocates by launching into a dalliance with



Michael Pennington is a well-named Sir John Brute and Alison Steadman an equally appropriate Lady Fanciful

Andrew Woodali's suavely

plausible Constant. How did things get to such a pass after two years of marriage? From the way Hamilton flinches when Pennington moves to touch her it is clear there have been problems in the bedroom; but, given the way Pennington looks, it is clearer that these problems are not wholly of her making.

His scrubbed ginger hair, toby-jug ears, and sour, pink face are the least of it. His table manners consist of stick-

BARELY off the plane from

ing his knife into the board and dancing furiously on it, and his notion of foreplay is either to wiggle his tongue salaciously in his wife's face or to fall on her with slobbering grunts of "we may go pig together".

Pennington rejects the gentility Garrick reputedly brought to the part, and is less funny in the famous scenes where a tipsy Sir John rampages through London in drag. He is coarser, more frustrated, angrier.

The impression he leaves is of a yob Peter Pan unable to understand why he cannot always be a little boy and have fun or, after a night of drinking and fighting, of a big baffled ox on the run from a slaughterhouse. It is a bold and, in its helpless, woozy way, touching performance. That's more than can be said for Hamilton's pert, jumpy Lady Brute, who scuttles about John Gunter's set like a mouse on speed. Gunter's designs are among

trees that resemble cavaliers slyly peering from green capes and, on Lady Fanciful's wall, the Restoration counterparts of plaster ducks. Eros with pants on, pants half-off and pants gone. Is it the right decor for a busybodying sex-fantasist who, as Alison Steadman plays her, emits brash screechmenthe? I would say so.

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Tetsuya Kumakawa in Push Comes to Shove

next week, the dancers of the Royal Ballet returned to the Royal Opera House on Saturday afternoon to say goodbye to their old theatre. Their summer season is short only ices in to mixed bill before next Monday's opera and ballet gala closes the house for its twoyear redevelopment.

Saturday's offering was in-

their recent travels to Japan. and already packing their bags for their trip to New York

deed mixed, one of those "something for everyone" bills. Twyla Tharp's Push Comes to Shove is lighthearted and entertaining, a slick vehicle for Tetsuya Kumakawa. He didn't quite fizz the way he did at the Covent Garden premiere in February, although he did strut, slide and wiggle through Tharp's snappy choreography (to Haydn's Sym-

Mixing it until the curtain falls William Forsythe's Stepteat.

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phony No 82 and Joseph Lamb's ragtime) with bodily panache. The problem was his attitude: there wasn't enough of it. So much of Tharp's work depends on the vividness of the dancer's own personality, but Kumakawa looked as if his was taking a night off. Sarah Wildor, as his "little date", was dreamy, though. and Darcey Bussell, as his "big date", looked terrific in her bowler hat.

on the other hand, seeks to turning them into anonymous robots capable of extreme physical distortion. His aggressive essay in classical deconstruction and audience manipulation - yes, Mr Forsythe is responsible for that annoying on-off lighting may be tedious but it does make the dancers (Deborah Bull, Peter Abegglen, Michael Nunn and William Trevitt) look sensational.

One joy of Saturday's performance was the return of Miyako Yoshida. Injury kept her off the Covent Garden stage for six months, but now

Mukhamedov was as light as whipped cream (at least on her part), charming, demure and utterly romantic. Only sheer willpower gets Mukhamedov into the air for those big jumps these days, but he is still a First Movement of Balan-

chine's glorious Symphony in C (set to Bizet), adding glamour to her long list of fine qualities. Rachael Whitbread has improved enormously in the Second Movement adagio. far more secure in those fiendish balances. Christina McDermott was appropriately vivacious in the Third Movement, well on top of Balanchine's witty allegro writing, and Nicola Roberts led an exhilarating finale.

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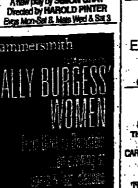
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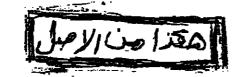
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Michael Portillo returns to the fray with advice for the Madrid summit

s the Madrid summit opens A this morning. Nato has much to celebrate. Two years ago its leading members were locked in disagreement over Bosnia, and the organisation appeared powerless to halt the slaughter. The end of the Cold War

existence, and the alliance had yet to discover a new role and purpose. It looks different now. Nato took effective action in Bosnia, first by bombing the Bosnian Serbs, then by deploying large-scale ground forces in support of the Dayton agreement. It has been a thoroughly effective operation, which defined a new role for Nato in promoting security beyond the territory of its members.

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Those successes will rightly be celebrated at Madrid. The enlargement of Nato to include countries from the former Warsaw Pact is especially significant. Russia protested against any enlargement and launched an effective campaign to woo opinion formers and editors in the West. It has succeeded in convincing many that Nato's expansion to Russia's borders is an affront to its pride and will be a

source of future instability. I see it differently. We must not allow the world to be frozen in the Yalta pattern of 1945. We cannot allow the Russians to believe they have a continuing sphere of influence over sovereign nations. Stabil-

ity in Europe depends mainly on entrenching the new domocracies They will flourish only if they feel secure, and as Nato members they will. There are more democracies in Europe today than ever, and since democracies do not invade each other, the prospects for stability are correspondingly good. The admission of the Czech Republic.

Hungary and Poland is therefore an historic achievement and the agreement with Russia a triumph of diplomacy. But the alliance faces important challenges. To start oth. Nato has not properly redefined its purpose. The Russians believe it still exists to deter them. Nato denies it. The Western European public no longer feels threatened by anybody, and its governments continue to cut defence spending. Nato does not see Russia as the most likely threat. We hope it will remain democratic. We are more likely to be threatened by one of the militant dictatorships now developing weapons of mass destruction and ballistic missiles. and exporting terrorism. As the Gulf War demonstrated, to protect our allies or our interests, we may need to fight in high-intensity conflict far from home. The Roman dictum was: "If you want peace, prepare for war." Notice "war", not peacekeeping". It would be a great mistake if Nato began to think of itself as a replacement United Nations Nato must articulate its purpose better and stop cutting its defences. Otherwise the dictators

will think us weak-willed. France is keen to establish a more visible security and defence identity for Europe. That risks being a sideshow. Europeans ought to do more for themselves, but will not be able to do so if they continue to spend less. France would like to see more European generals in top Nato jobs. The Americans will not allow the Sixth Fleet to come under a European commander. The danger is that we will end up with chains of command that would be

ineffective in an emergency. Nato has been through a period of self-congratulation, but it has a

whiff of decadence and its forces

have become "hollow"; they look fine on paper, but they lack numbers, training, spares and mobility. At the same time, the Americans have galloped ahead in developing the "electronic battle-field", leaving a substantial technology gap between themselves and the rest of the allies. It is in America's interests to ensure that Nato can fight coherently and this means that, despite Washington's reluctance to share knowhow, it must at least put its allies in a position where their unit commanders can receive and decode

essential battlefield data. The enlargement of Nato is both a triumph and a problem. A larger alliance has to be ratified by national parliaments and, of course, by Congress. The Nato treaty rests upon accepting that an attack on any member state is an attack on all. American senators may just accept the proposal to extend that guarantee to the Poles, Czechs and Hungarians: but will they in future also swallow similar

guarantees to the Baltic states? The Russians are, to put it mildly, jittery about Nato forces in the Baltic. Nato wants to reassure them, but also make plain its concern for the sovereignty of the "Baltic Three" and Ukraine. The new democratic governments in those countries insist that Madrid keep open the door for their

admission. In practice, Nato may eventually have to choose between remain-The world ing a hard-edged military alliance with somewhat limited memstill looks bership, or becoming a too perilous softer-looking club of for Nato to democratic nations that can take in everyone assume a including even Russia. softer form Looking towards that choice today, the world

still looks far too dangerous for Nato to assume a softer form, which makes it all the more important to develop other sorts of links with the Baltic and Ukraine.

Tato's most immediate It has been an alliance success, but it isn't over till it's over. Nato says it will pull out a year from now, so the former warring factions feel they can drag their feet, and resume unfinished military business when the foreign troops have left. Nato must make it clear that it will not tolerate a return to war. The international community needs to put much more effort into providing administrators and police forces. It is incredible that with so much at stake, the international civilian effort, in contrast to the military one, should have been so feeble. Nor can Nato seriously contemplate leaving Bosnia with the

indicted war criminals still at large. We should also be worried about America's policy of providing arms and training to the Bosnian Muslims. The policy was devised at a time when the Bosnian Serbs were clearly better armed and more effective in battle. But the policy now risks producing an imbalance in favour of the Muslims which could be just as destabilising. If Nato were to withdraw, leaving Karadzic in control of the Serbs, and conditions in which war quickly reignited, the impact on the alliance would be devastating. So even while the glasses are

raised in celebration in Madrid, Nato ministers must now work hard if Bosnia is not to be again the cause of division between the allies, and a symbol of Nato's impotence.

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Gordon Brown is trying to complete the Tories' post-industrial revolution, says Anatole Kaletsky

If you are confused by last week's Budget, don't worry — you are in good company. The City, the media, the political parties and the business lobbies are equally at sixes and sevens.

The Budget was criticised by previously sympathetic City analysts for not taking enough money out of the citizens' pockets, while the National Association of Pension Funds denounced it as the most audacious daylight robbbery since Robin Hood. To balance such attacks from the City, the Chancellor was showered with vitriol on Sunday by Ken Livingstone, the self-appointed spokesman of the

What is going on? In a sense all the confusion can be boiled down to one issue: a fundamental disagreement among economists about what Budgets are for. One side, broadly described as Keynesians. believe that the Budget is the main annual opportunity for the Chancellor to regulate the strength of the economy and help to control inflation by adjusting taxes and public spending. The other side insists that Budgets should merely review

If Britain goes bust, don't blame the Budget

the Government's spending and tax priorities, with the aim of levying just enough revenues to pay for public spending and to stabilise the national debt. On this view it is up to the Bank of England to keep the economy on a steady noninflationary course by manipulat-ing interest rates and allowing sterling to move up and down.

If the Budget were being used in Keynesian manner, then the Chancellor should arguably have raised taxes more harshly and aimed them at consumers. These higher taxes might have helped to control potential inflation, taking some of the upward pressure off interest rates and preventing a further malignant hardening of the pound. But if the Budget's job was merely to balance the books, then what Mr Brown did was absolutely

pay for the public spending plans inherited from the Tories, and to keep the national debt on a steady downward course. The only point of levying higher taxes would have been to finance more public expenditure - a course Mr Brown had firmly foresworn, at least until

So which approach to the Budget is the right one? In the view of the Keynesians (myself included), taxes should be actively manipulated. alongside interest rates and the exchange rate, to control inflation and manage demand. But my opinion is irrelevant. What matters is that the Treasury, the Bank and the City all firmly espouse the opposite point of view. They believe in the monetarist credo that inflation is always and everywhere a only be controlled through high interest rates. By making the Bank independent, Mr Brown institutionalised this doctrine and made it impossible to implement the alternative view that changes in taxes and interest rates should be coordinated to manage demand. To expect Mr Brown to return to

Keynesian demand management in his very first Budget would have been both absurd and futile, since the Bank would be bound by its monetarist anti-inflation mandate to raise interest rates anyway. It is therefore both inconsistent and unrealistic for anyone who supported an independent Bank of England to criticise the Budget for failing to stifle inflation and consumer demand.

In new Labour's new Britain.

controlling inflation is up to the central bank and to nobody else. This means inevitably that antiinflation policy will produce high interest rates and an overvalued exchange rate, putting the whole burden of adjustment on manufacturers and metal-bashing exporters. Ken Livingstone, for one, is therefore right to complain on behalf of old Labour's traditional manual, working-class supporters. But Mr Brown's new Britain is a middle-class country, indifferent to the fate of British Steel, ICI and their workers. And perhaps this

indifference is right.

Perhaps the City and the rest of the service sector can pay Britain's (... way in the world, even at exchange rates that cripple traditional manufacturing exporters. The Tories started to turn Britain into a poststarted to turn britain into a post-industrial economy in 1979. Now Mr Brown, with the help of an independent central bank, can complete the job. With luck, Britain will become the New York or California of Europe. And if things go wrong? Then blame Mr Brown's decision on the Bank of England,

Nourished by principle

Resignations over baby-milk carry a message for the compromising Nineties

The member — an honourable member indeed stood firm, unmoved by the majority view that the money in the large brown envelope was nothing to fuss about; useful, indeed, and sorely needed. None of this counted, next to the uncomfortable promptings of a sharpened individual conscience. The member knew that after years of service and passionate belief a refusal to compromise would mean resigning from the band of like-minded people on which life had been centred for many years. It would mean standing alone in the outer darkness and being damned as a

There may have been moments of private doubt: did a bit of money really make all that difference? Surely you could

take it, and not compromise your principles? These are the sophisticated Nineties perhaps could live with it. letting big business assist good work. In this case

nothing illegal or even unusual was than kowtow. We need such exambeing considered; and most other members seemed happy enough with the ethics of the deal. It was a thin, almost invisible, line which the member was refusing to cross, and a long, happy association being risked. Maybe, in the member's heart, there was a moment of wavering.

But it was no good. Conscience prevailed, and in tears, some 40 breastfeeding counsellors resigned last week from the National Childbirth Trust (somehow, I daresay, you may have guessed by now that I was not talking about the Conservative Party. Or even new Labour). In the case of the NCT women it was not the fear of personal corruption which made them dig their heels in, but of collective corruption. They just could not accept the leadership's pragmatic decision to accept £40,000 in sponsorship from Sainsbury's - for Sainsbury's sells an own-brand powdered baby milk in a pretty floral canister: and a large part of the NCT's work is to persuade women that, if physically possible, it is better to offer a newborn baby its mother's milk straight from the usual container.

Which it is, actually: I doubt you will find a respectable doctor to gainsay it, even though made-up milks provide a vital safety net when nature plays a dirty trick on mother and child and makes breastfeeding impossible. Respectable baby-milk manufacturers do not deny it either, although there have been scandals about companies such as Nestlė pushing formula milk on Third World mothers as a "modern" option, even when those mothers are unlikely to have clean water or the

wherewithal to sterilise bottles. Nobody in this dispute has been suggesting that Sainsbury's in any way is an unprincipled company. or pushes powdered milk at mothers to maximise its profits. It is just that the rebels thought that their independent status of advisers would be compromised by such an association. They had hair-trigger consciences and could not ignore them. So they left. You do not have to agree with their stance to admire

Indeed this headlong, almost suicidal, display of principle comes as something of a refreshment: like Anouilh's uncompromising St Joan Kipling's common soldier giving his life rather

ples, however unreasonable. Especially after the murk and weasel words, the "sharp editing" and economy with truth which marked the Aitken libel case, and the even more queasy experience of watching the response of Neil Hamilton to the Downey report. Here on display were consciences which had been tamed and adjusted and kept for years under such perfect control that they were no trouble whatsoever to their owners.

Indeed, the one thing which unites all those involved in the myriad sleaze inquiries of the past few years is a certain fat-witted arrogance which is genuinely incapable of believing that a chap like oneself - bold and free and original - could ever be compromised just by taking a bit of tribute. Whereas these unfortunate breastfeeding counsellors of the NCT — volunteers, rarely affluent, hard-working - were so haunted by principle that they could not accept even an association with tainted money which they, personally, would never see. They strained at a gnat, while Hamilton, Smith, Aitken and the rest smiled

smugly and swallowed elephants. I am sad about the NCT counsellors, particularly because I owe a lot to one of them, whose freely given services enabled me 14 years ago to feed my first child. I had serious difficulties, as many women do (yes, yes, gentlemen, l



am aware that we are in mixed company. I will spare you the details). Without the slightest hint of patronage, and without deriding me for having resorted to a few bottles early on. Nicky, of the Greenwich NCT, advised, supported, visited, instructed, and cheerfully accepted lachrymose telephone calls at 5am. In the end, we triumphed.

I want to pay this tribute, because NCT zealots in general and breastfeeding counsellors in particular are the butt of so much teasing and caricature, even among the women they are there to help. Those women whose identity is rooted strongly in being chic and sexy, or businesslike and tough. often resent the earthy, dungareed atmosphere of many NCT classes preparing women for childbirth. I have known a man refuse to attend because I can't bear being the only one without a beard, and I don't like panting in public". Breastfeeding counsellors have at times taken a rather sanctimonious approach to women who have emotional or even professional reasons for not wanting to suckle their babies, and a whole library of jokes has grown up around the more

An evolved Western society with a taste for virtual pushbutton shrink-wrapped life finds it unsettling to be suddenly told to put cabbage leaves in its brassiere. Or tea-strainers (even though, gentlemen, I can confirm that both have their uses. No. no. I promise no more detail)

o I wish the new, sponsored NCT and its remaining counsellors and the breakaway group, too, all the best of luck with their task of helping overcivilised, overmechanised, over-fearful modern woman to get back in touch with her maternal animal side both at birth and afterwards. But I think we also owe them a debt for having undergone this internal struggle and so publicly lost the group of angry rebels. They force us all to focus, albeit uncomfortably, on what commercial sponsorship al-

ways to some degree implies. Since "business partnership" is an ever-growing area, it does no harm to be reminded that, however big the money, without a set of very strict and overt rules it can mutate into a kind of corruption. Schools and colleges take money from business; schools, more disturbing-

with a slant to them from bodies like the meat trade, the Vegerarian Society. Nuclear Electric, and supermarkets. Journalists accept ritzy hospitality and fail to mention it in their copy. Magazines run "advertorials", letting their house style be used by advertisers. Charities are sometimes so desperate for sponsorship that they fail to notice how disproportionate a favour they are doing the business by sharing their clean image. Local authorities involve themselves in "planning gain" agreements in which the town gets a swimming pool in return for the green light for a superstore or power station. Broadcasters get uncomfortably close to football clubs, film-makers dabble in the murky waters of product placement.

, take commercial teaching packs

Small half-corruptions are all around us every day. Some are innocuous and reasonable ways of getting commerce to contribute to society; others more insidious. But it does no harm, in an age when most of us think more like a Hamilton or Aitken, to be shown the opposite extreme. I am sorry the counsellors felt they had to go, but entirely glad that - feeling as they did - they had the bottle to do it.

Boat hook

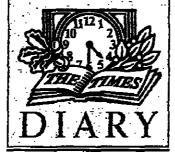
PEACE at last for John Major, the a close friend of the Majors. "Since former Prime Minister, who is spending his parliamentary recess on John Paul Getty's yacht. Talitha G. Both Getty and Major are huge Surrev cricket fans, and they struck up a friendship in the directors' boxes at the Oval. Getty has remained in London, while Major. his family, and some friends from East Anglia, understood to include Baroness Blatch, the former Home Office Minister, and her family. cruise the Mediterranean.

"The holiday is basically a present from John to Norma." says





Boating types: John Paul Getty and Norma Major



Australian impresario Robert Stigwood, then spent £10 million refitting her. She has hand-crafted wood veneers, marble bathrooms. a crew of 18, and is named after Getty's first wife, Tabitha Pol, who died of a heroin overdose in Rome

John Wells, the satirist and a regular yacht guest of Getty, says: There is a Jacuzzi on the foredeck which the former Prime Minister should enjoy."

Easy money

THERE is an added zing to the summer holiday plans of Étonians leaving school this year, after a gift of £10,000 to the school from a Slough financial services firm to encourage "leadership and responsibility". The money has been div-

vied up mainly among the 50 or so heads of house and games captains. Each of the chosen boys has received a cheque of up to £200. to do with what he will.

David Ainslie, group legal direc-

tor at Towry Law, which regularly advertises in Eton publications, explains that the awards are part of an annual £4-million handout to worthy educational causes and not a long-term strategy to win future clients for their school fees prepayment plan. One boy has written to thank Towry Law for the money, which he promises to spend on a Christian missionary expedition. For most, however, the cheque should prove useful holiday spending money.

Asked whether there might not be more worthy causes to spend money on than the summer holidays of 18-year-old Etonians. Ainslie replies: "There are always more worthwhile things to spend money on."

Bust-up

SOME of those who bought the dresses auctioned by Diana. Princess of Wales, have been heard grumbling. Joan Rivers, the comedian who fronted the television coverage at the Christie's sale in New York last month, told The New

York Post yesterday: "One prominent woman finally got around to trying on the Di dress she bought and it had to be a size 16. Diana sure as hell was never that size."

bizarre pieces of advice they offer.

The buyers had clearly not heeded the pre-sale warnings that some of the dresses had been given by Diana to friends who had then had them altered to accommodate less gym-toned figures.

Only the thought of the £2 million they helped to raise for Aids research can console the numerous notable Anglophiles in America,



"I swear it fell on my head up Ludgate Hill"

who had hoped to be dressed like a princess, but instead find themselves billowing around the behind in a most un-Diana-like way.

• For all their tribal ritual, London's gentlemen's clubs are like knitting circles compared with their Italian counterparts. At the Caccia Club, in Rome, a club so grand it has blackballed members the Fiat-owning Agnelli family for being too nouveau riche, the president, the Marchese Sachetti, Governor of the Vatican, has been forced to resign. It would be as if the Duke of Devonshire were to resign from White's. His crime was to propose for membership a wellknown Italian general who had no aristocratic lineage.

Loved one

EVEN by her own high standards, Lady d'Avigdor-Goldsmid, wife of the late bullion-broker Sir Henry d'Avigdor-Goldsmid, would have been pleased with the organisation for her funeral, held last week in All Saints' Church at Tudeley, Kent. More than 300 guests - including Elie de Rothschild, Christopher Soames and Lord and Lady Abergavenny -- came to pay their respects to the cigar-smoking hostess. Late arrivals watched the ser-



Lady d'Avigdor-Goldsmid

vice on a huge television screen in a marquee outside the church. The high point was a rendition of Cole Porter's What is this thing called Love? sung by a Landon choir which had been driven down especially for the service. The funeral was followed by a lavish champagne buffet. "It was tremendous fun," says one exhausted mourner. The only person who looked a little iffy was the ex-Bishop of Rochester, who took the service: He looked more Onward Christian Soldiers than Cole Porter."

will now seek to work on into our do-

tage obstructing the employment

paths of those youngsters he touite

Sir, Who will make up the Budget-

created pension shortfall of those with

retirement annuities or personal pen-

My pension fund will now be taxed

twice, once when dividends are paid

in and again when the pension is paid

out. The returns on money invested in

endowment assurance, on the Stock

Exchange or put on deposit, are taxed

only once. They are not taxed again

Wise people will now avoid pension

policies. I. 62 and just retired, am

stuck, because my pension fund has to

be paid out to me as earned income.

Justice demands that, as the Budget

proposals become law, annuities paid

from pension funds should be treated

as part income and part repayment of

64 West Street, Havant, Hampshire.

Sir, A number of commentators have

lamented the abolition of dividend tax

relief for pension funds. No doubt,

this is going to hit many pension

schemes, which have benefited from

this provision at the expense of the

To my mind. Mr Brown has just

done a right thing by removing one of

the tax distortions existing in the Brit-

ish economy. The companies will, of

course, have to find extra money to

maintain the pension payouts to their

employees or alternatively reduce the

amount of their pension benefits. Those who believe in the logic of mar-

ket economics should have no com-

plaint against this measure, at least in

capital, which is what they are.

Dyer Burden & Co (solicitors).

Yours faithfully.

July 4.

principle.

July 4.

Yours sincerely.

69 Preston Road

Wembley, Middlesex.

M. Q. DALVI.

R. P. BURDETT.

From Dr M. Q. Dalvi

taxpayers all these years.

when the nest egg is realised.

rightly) wants to help.

From Mr R. P. Burdett

sion plans? No one.

81 Balham Park Road, SW12.

Yours faithfully.

C. A. WENTZEL

July 4.



LABOUR'S STANDARDS

An Education White Paper to extend excellence

The Labour Government has already driven up expectations with a rhetorical emphasis on education pitched higher than that of the last administration. With the publication yesterday of Excellence in Schools, the Education White Paper, the Government has also produced policy proposals for improving standards more coherent and allembracing than any of the initiatives introduced by John Major's Government.

In doing so, Labour ministers embrace men and measures that they have spent much of the past fighting. The comparative tests which are the best guarantee of achievement and which have already contributed to an improvement in standards were, initially, opposed by Labour. The breadth, scale and rigour of the White Paper's proposals, however, demonstrate that this Government has done more than just absorb and regurgitate parental concerns. It now has them by heart.

The White Paper sets out the areas where the Government expects schools to do better, the methods it believes will secure higher standards and the mechanisms to promulgate best practice. The Education Secretary, David Blunkett, has set tough targets and, with a feeling for incentives as sure as any salesman, will link extra spending to improved results. Work will continue on identifying the best teaching methods but there will be an unambiguous commitment to using phonics for reading lessons and whole-class teaching for maths. Parents will understand these terms better as traditional teaching methods, and pupils will, as a result, understand better.

Teachers' performance will be monitored by Ofsted under an inspection regime which will be, if anything, more Prussian than before. There will be a shorter period of notice before inspections begin, greater scrutiny of individual classroom practice and wider dissemination of performance

data. But Labour offers a partnership, inviting teachers to see the drive for standards as a crusade for pupils rather than a jihad against teachers. It is an offer that should be grasped.

The Government also hopes to involve parents in its work. Refinements to school league tables should enable parents to make better judgments about schools, and join in applying pressure for improvement. It has been the publication of test results that has most starkly exposed failing schools and highlighted excellence. The Government proposes to publish not just the school's final level of performance but the relative levels of

achievement at different stages.

Many schools, particularly in inner-city areas, have a high pupil turnover which makes comparisons difficult. The Government hopes, eventually, to have the capacity to measure how schools affect individual pupils' improvement. Parents will still have the raw figures which reveal which schools perform best, but more information will allow other assessments to be made,

The character of a school, and its capacity to improve, depend to a great deal on the quality of the head teacher. One of the White Paper's many overdue innovations is the creation of a fast-track scheme to identify teachers with leadership potential and train them. The Government hopes to adopt talent-spotting techniques from private enterprise and will balance this new path to promotion with the creation of a new grade for advanced skills teachers. These will be teachers with pedagogic gifts which deserve recognition, but whom it is vital to keep in the classroom and who might otherwise seek

promotion out of it. Ultimately, the education system should strive for as great a variety of choices for teachers, parents and pupils as possible. This White Paper is a confident stride towards a welcome extension of opportunity.

THUGGERY IN THE CATHEDRAL

President Moi's brutality will be the ruin of Kenya

Led by clergymen and MPs, a group of Kenyans was at prayer yesterday in Nairo-bi's All Saints Anglican Cathedral when President Daniel arap Moi sent in the riot police Through the tear gas Timothy Njoya, a priest held in high national respect, advanced towards them with his hands raised in surrender. He was kicked to the ground and savagely clubbed on the head...

This was no riot, until the Government made it one. It was a case of unprovoked and inconscionable brutality, ordered by the State, against people assembled to pray for such elementary things as free speech and accountable government. If further confirmation were required of the urgency of political and social reform in Kenya, it is provided by the atrocities witnessed in Nairobi by our correspondent Sam Kiley. reported on page 14. If confirmation were required that President Moi would rather destroy the last vestiges of public trust in authority than give way to legitimate calls for constitutional reform, then that is provided by this latest demonstration of his

contempt for law as well as for life. In Nairobi, many of the civilians seized at random, battered with pick-axes and robbed of their possessions by military, police and Kenya's feared paramilitary General Service Unit were not even participating in yesterday's nationwide demonstrations for political reform. Among the dead elsewhere in the country was a teenager shot as he ran from the police - another young victim in a country where already this year, students such as Solomon Muruli have met violent deaths for daring to complain about official corruption and where hundreds are in prison without trial. With every death, the prospect recedes of solving Kenya's deepening crisis by peaceful political means.

President Moi may believe that if he is sufficiently ruthless he can crush the life out of dissent itself. To a large degree, this has been possible in the past, partly because

Kenya's political opposition was badly fragmented but also because external pressure from the Western governments whose taxpayers help to prop up his scandal-ridden regime has been intermittent and half-hearted. The demands that unite the Kenyan churches, civil organisations and opposition politicians are for constitutional reforms before the elections due later this year, which they are right to contend will otherwise be a farce. Mr Moi's response is to destroy law and order by turning peaceful demonstrations into bloody battles, the better to argue that the atmosphere is not conducive to

discussion of constitutional reforms". This deadlock must be broken. External pressure can be effective, as was shown in 1992 when a gathering foreign aid boycott compelled Mr Moi to stage multiparty elections. But because he calculated correctly as it turned out, that he could get away with it, he rigged the results. The West turned a blind eye then; out of self-interest if not out of sympathy for the Kenyan people, it now needs to make up for that failure.

Self-interest exists at two levels, political and economic. Politically, the Kenyan brush is even drier than it was in 1992; the downfall of Zaire's dictator, President Mobutu, has galvanised opposition. Demonstrators chant the name of Laurent Kabila. Kenyans do not want civil war, but increasingly, they see little alternative. At the economic level, the case for political reform is strengthened by official corruption and financial scandal so massive that only fools or knaves would now dream of investing in Kenya. The Inter-national Monetary Fund is rightly suspending loans after the collapse of court proceedings in the Goldenberg affair, a massive fraud involving fictitious exports of gold and diamonds which reaches right to the heart of Government. On Kenya, Britain's voice matters and Robin Cook has said that in his Foreign Office, human rights will take centre stage. His lead is awaited.

BYRON THE COALMINER

Romantic legends of bills and burrowings

Newstead Abbey, Byron's childhood home near Nottingham, has been falling down for centuries. But until now its romantic Byronic dilapidation has been created by appropriately Byronic fecklessness and shortage of funds. Its latest ruin, however, may be caused by coalminers digging underneath it where even the National Coal

Board once feared to delve. It is true that the prospective miners have taken out a bond to repair any damage they may cause. But all the bonds in Lombard Street may be inadequate to put together again the soft stone and crumbling walls of Newstead. Byron himself could have turned a witty canto about the absurd gap in legislation that requires no planning permission for underground working in an island built on coal. He might have made a barbed paradox about the new mining technology that still causes subsidence half a mile above underground workings.

For Byron has always been more popular as a romantic hero in mainland Europe than in his native land. But literary luminaries have now waxed fierce in declaring that his memory and memorabilia are more important than coal

When Byron died of unromantic rheumatic fever at Missolonghi, the Greeks

wished to bury him in Athens. But only his heart stayed in Greece. His body was returned to England. When he was refused burial in Westminster Abbey, he was buried in the family vault near Newstead Abbey. In as much as Byron ever felt nostalgia for home, it was centred on Newstead. There the first powerful woman in his life, his mother, was buried; and also his dog Boatswain, for whom he composed one of the few romantic rather than sentimental canine epitaphs. Newstead represented home and status for the fiery little boy scarred by his clubfoot. genteel poverty and Scottish Calvinism. So it is worth preserving for posterity's sake.

But it would be wrong to confuse Byron himself with the Byronic hero, whose image he left for posterity. In his personal life, Byron was practical and businesslike, fully engaged in the social and political affairs of the world. He would have been unsentimental about Newstead. His great-uncle William cut down the trees there in order to minimise the inheritance he left to Byron's father, "Mad Jack". Young George might have hoped that subsidence caused by the miners would swallow up the jungles of rhododendrons planted to replace his lost timber. He would be most unromantically interested in the size of that bond.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Northern Ireland outlook worsens

From Dr Brian Houston

Sir. Last year when the RUC acquiesced to the Orange march down the Garvaghy Road we were told that it was because the police (and Government) could not contain the potential loyalist violence. One year on and the same decision is taken for the same reason (reports and leading article,

July 7).
Dr Mo Mowlam, the Secretary of State, chastises both sides, saying one is as bad as the other, and expects the peace talks to proceed to substantive issues. But what is there to talk about? The Unionists can negotiate in the knowledge that, if they do not get what they want, the threat of violence and widespread disruption will be sufficient to derail any peace train.

The message from Drumcree is loud and clear. New Labour are the same as old Labour, As in 1974, during the Ulster Workers Council strike against the Sunningdale Agreement, they have shown themselves unwilling to stand up to the lovalist veto on change. Until the Government grasps this nettle the outlook will remain bleak.

Yours sincerely, BRIAN HOUSTON, 27 Primrose Drive, Hartley Winney, Hook. Hampshire. brian@houston.force9.net

From Mr Brendan Turley Sir, One result of last year's disorder

at Drumcree was an increase in electoral support for Sinn Fein. With the peace process clearly on its knees it is surely incumbent on all those parties in Northern Ireland sincerely interested in finding a peaceful solution to ensure that they are not seen to be involved in actions which are triumphalist in nature and undermine those seeking a democratic accommodation of all sides.

By the RUC once again appearing to have given in to loyalist threats of violence it is clear that while David Trimble and the Unionist Party may see Sunday's events as some sort of victory, it can only in the long term give strength to their most violent opponents.

Yours faithfully, BRENDAN TURLEY. 18 Elmbourne Road, SW17.

From Mr T. O. Majone

Sir, The fact that conduct likely to provoke a breach of the peace has been repeated annually is not a defence, it is an aggravation. Nor is lack of intention to breach the peace a defence. So, even if the Ku Klux Klan were able to convince the authorities that it intended to march in regalia through Brixton, but only as a short cut to its annual picnic, should not the provocateurs of such a likely breach of the peace be restrained or arrested, not those whose peace will be breached?

Yours faithfully, T. O. MALONE, 11 Rosebank, Holyport Road, SW6.

From Captain P. R. D. Kimm,

RN (retd) Sir, A Belfast-born Catholic, I dreamed last night that as the bowler hats and banners in Drumcree went booming down Garvaghy Road into Portadown, the residents there streamed cheering from their houses to wave and to throw flowers at the feet of the marchers. There were banners above the road reading "Welcome" and "Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive ... ", and there was much smiling and laughter. There were even trays of the black stuff for

feeling thirsty. And in my dream the marchers felt rather foolish and began to wonder why they had bothered to come in the first place; but of course it was all only

any of the marchers who might be

Yours faithfully. PETER KIMM, 69 New Brighton Road. Emsworth, Hampshire.

Future of the RAF

From Mr Neil Datson

Sir, Keith Mans's citing of the loss of HMS Glorious (letter, July 4) shows his argument to be specious. The failure of Royal Navy senior officers early in World War II to appreciate the role of air power in sea warfare can be traced directly back to April 1918. when the Royal Air Force was founded.

On that day the Royal Flying Corps and the Royal Naval Air Service were amalgamated into the RAF. From then until the formation of the Fleet Air Arm in the mid-Thirties, naval aviation was a part of the RAF. This left the Navy under-provided with air support and under-appreciative of the

support she had. Excepting strategic bombing and reconnaissance and defence against strategic bombing and reconnais-sance, no independent role has been found for air power. A defence policy that does not integrate air and surface forces is fundamentally flawed, as the sinking of HMS Glorious showed.

Yours faithfully, NEIL DATSON. Glebe Farm, Spelsbury, Oxford.

Repercussions of Brown's Budget

From Mr David G. Kleeman

Sir, The Welfare to Work proposals announced by the Chancellor (Budget reports, July 3, letters, July 4) are likely to receive widespread welcome as the Government endeavours to reduce youth unemployment.

Wealth and jobs for the longer term are largely created by our manufacturers. But the continuing appreciation of sterling will make our goods harder to sell abroad unless costs in the UK are reduced yet further. Yesterday, when the stock market prices soared following the Chancellor's speech, the biggest rises were seen amongst the banks, the utilities and property companies report, July 4) - none of which is renowned for job creation. The biggest falls were suffered by our major manufacturers. which face worldwide competition for

their merchandise How sad it may be to find taxpayers' money spent in the months ahead, with the very best of intentions, in efforts to increase employment but at a time when our major manufacturers may be seeking to shed labour in the UK or investing abroad in lower-cost centres so as to make their products at more competitive prices.

Yours faithfully. DAVID G. KLEEMAN. 4th Floor. 74 Chancery Lane, WC2.

From the Principal of the Sheffield College

Sir, Gordon Brown's threat to withdraw benefit from those who do not participate in the Welfare to Work scheme is too close for comfort to exhortations to the workshy to "get on their bikes".

While the ultimate sanction must be there, initially at least, it should be kept in the background and ways found to persuade and encourage. Fear or greed are not the best motivators on which to base training programmes, nor will they engender the right attitude to secure from employers commitment to long-term jobs.

Yours sincerely. KEN RUDDIMAN, Principal. The Sheffield College, PO Box 345, Sheffield S2 2YY.

From Mr Charles Wentzel Sir, Please could the Chancellor now

Runaways at risk

From the Chief Executive of

The Children's Society

provided it.

relax the restrictions on the proportion of earnings that can be contributed into personal pensions. If he does

streets. Until prostitution is treated as

a child-protection issue for people

under 18, and the Home Office

provides the police with the resources

and the encouragement necessary to target the paedophiles and pimps who ruthlessly exploit these young people, we can expect the number to rise. Of

course these murders are rare; but for

every death there are countless rapes.

beatings-up, abductions and other

forms of violence because these young

As well as changes in the law, we

also need services to protect young

people are not adequately protected.

rimaways who, because they are vulnerable, are the most likely to get caught up in prostitution. Our research shows that one in seven young runaways is forced to sell sex to

Business letters, page 29

Sir, If anyone needed yet another reminder of the extreme vulnerability The Children's Society provides of young people caught up in prostituthree of the four refuges in this tion, your report today on the jailing country. But the statutory services of the two men who murdered lo-vearhave shown little interest in developold Lucy Burchell in Birmingham ing such facilities, leaving thousands of young children at the mercy of Lucy is not the first young person to be murdered while working on the predatory adults.

It is time the Government funded a range of services across the country to ensure that children most at risk have an escape route from destitution, exploitation and violence, and also passed laws to protect young people from the violent men that Lucy, in her short life, fell victim to.

'Violent' Shakespeare

Sir, Derek Gale (letter, June 27) asks why the British Board of Film

Classification gave Baz Luhrmann's

ilm, William Shakespeare's Romeo

and Juliet, which he describes as

"highly erotic and violent", a 12

He speculates that it was "because it

is 'culture' and therefore unlikely to be

seen by those who might make a

The film has been a commercial

success and has provided teachers up

and down the land with an invaluable

resource for the teaching of the

This innovative treatment of a

classic text was assessed, as are all

titles, with due reference to its appeal

It hardly seems the act of irres-

ponsible elitism that Mr Gale implies

to make available to a younger

teenaged audience an entertaining

film which may encourage consid-

eration of such sensitive and complex

issues as romantic love, parental

"abuse", arranged marriage or the

destructive nature of partisan hatred

The BBFC attempts to classify

material in an age-appropriate way.

The utmost care is taken to warn

parents and young people of material

which may be inappropriate or poten-

tially distressing.

Yours faithfully,

JANET BURGIS

British Board of

July 2.

Film Classification,

3 Soho Square, Wl.

(Film and Video Examiner).

and cyclical violence and revenge.

Yours etc. IAN SPARKS. Chief Executive, The Children's Society. Edward Rudolf House, Margery Street, WCl.

From Ms Janet Burgis

fuss". This is nonsense.

and its likely audience.

certificate.

original text.

Low achievers

From Mrs Trees Fewster-Verhaar

Sir. The Dutch have an excellent answer to under-achieving schoolchildren (Failure in basic school lessons haunts adult underclass for life", July 1): if they have not reached the desired grades by the end of the academic year, then they will have to resit the whole year, while contemporaries are moved up.

Being "cruel to be kind" gives

children a better chance to learn the basic skills they need to carry on at a higher level than if they moved on into the next year automatically. The fear of having to resit a whole

year is a great incentive to do your utmost to escape this awful fate. I speak from experience.

Yours faithfully. T. FEWSTER-VERHAAR, Listing Mill Farm, Listing Lane. Comersai-Cleckheaton. West Yorkshire.

Sign-off of the times From Mr Babar Mumtoz

I hope Mr Adrian Dodd-Noble does not spend too much time looking out for strange valedictory tags for e-mail letters (letter, July 3): netiquette requires neither opening nor closing salutations.

BABAR MUMTAZ, 2a Hampstead Hill Gardens, NW3. ucftdbm@ucl.ac.uk

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Plea for reversal of decision on RGO not, many of us will not he able to afford to retire at a sensible age. We

From the Deputy Director of the Royal Greenwich Observatory

Sir. The last Government separated its funding of astronomy and particle physics from the rest of science and engineering to create an additional research council (the Particle Physics and Astronomy Research Council). This council employs approximately 100 administrators at its headquarters.

The present Government has just agreed to close the Royal Greenwich Observatory in Cambridge (reports. July 5) on the advice of this research council with the likely loss of 100 jobs. Most of these losses will be scientists and engineers, but the council hureaucrats will remain. The Labour Government has thus completed an exercise which appears to replace front-line workers with layers of

administration. This spectacular own goal surely bodes ill for a worthwhile reform of the National Health Service or any other public body.

Yours faithfully. N. M. PARKER, Deputy Director. Royal Greenwich Observatory. Madingley Road, Cambridge.

From Dr Patrick Moore

Sir. The decision to close the Royal Greenwich Observatory is disastrous. and it is to be hoped that last-minute attempts can be made to reverse the

If the RGO is destroyed, Britain will lose something which can never be restored. One of the best scientific teams in the world will be broken up tto say nothing of other considerations, such as the library): major scientists will be lost to us, and the effects will be profound. The money saved could be matched by a few of the strange "modern art" exhibitions which are so generously funded. to say nothing of the monstrosity planned for Greenwich itself.

To abandon the RGO would be an act of cultural as well as scientific vandalism.

Yours faithfully. PATRICK MOORE, Farthings, West Street, Selsey, Sussex. July 6.

BBC World Service

From Mr Frank H. Brown

Sir. Ms Amina Jilani (letter, July I) is quite right about Third World countries relying on the World Service for news. In 1978 in Guyana we heard about the Jonestown mass suicides from the BBC before anything was reported in the local media.

Yours faithfully. FRANK H. BROWN (Deputy British High Commissioner, Georgetown, 1978-80). 143 Mitchley Avenue, Sanderstead, Surrey. July I.

Days to remember

From Mr Bruce Jackson

Sir, I can sympathise with Mr Eric D. Bellenie (letter, July 3) when he writes about "celebratory" days. They have usually been and gone before I realise what has happened.
It was with keen interest, therefore.

that I spotted in my post the other day a letter giving me notice (warning?) of National Condom Week (August 4-10). Any initial enthusiasm which might have been aroused was somewhat dampened by a request from the sponsors for me to write (form provided) with a description of any activities I might have planned. This can then be handed out "to the media and the public in July".

Yours faithfully, BRUCE JACKSON (Principal pharmacist). York District Hospital. Wigginton Road, York. July 4.

Virtual pets

From Mrs Henrietta Howard

Sir, My husband received a reversedcharges telephone call from our liyear-old daughter on Friday, to request him to "feed" her Tamagotchi electronic "baby" (Mrs Susan Bar-nard's letter, July 7) which she had forgotten to take to school.

Not only are we paying for her tele-phone "rescue" call, but we are also doing the babysitting. Surely this is taking parental responsibilities to new heights.

Yours faithfully, HENRIETTA HOWARD. Daglingworth House, Nr Cirencester, Gloucestershire.

From Dr Alan M. Calverd

Sir. Susan Barnard should not attempt to babysit her son's Tamagotchi.

These devices require particular care and treatment which can only be administered by the local authority's refuse-disposal department.

Yours sincerely. ALAN CALVERD, 35 Badgers, Bishops Startford, Hertfordshire. July 7.





COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE July 7: The Queen, with The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, this afternoon visited Cumberland Lodge, Windsor Great Park, to mark the Golden Jubilee of King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Foundation of St Catharine's and was received at the Royal Chapel by the Chairman of Trustees (the Lord Moore of Wolvercote) and the Principal (Dr John Cook).

Her Majesty and Her Royal Highness attended a Service of Thanksgiving in the Royal Chapet and afterwards The Queen. accompanied by The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon. opened the top floor of Cumberland Lodge Mews. Her Majesty and Her Royal

Highness subsequently attended a Reception in the garden of Cumberland Lodge.
The Duke of Edinburgh today

visited Cambridge and was re-ceived by Her Majesty's Lord-Licutenant of Cambridgeshire (Mr James Crowden).

His Royal Highness this afternoon visited the Meadows Community Centre, King's Hedges. The Duke of Edinburgh later opened the new premises of Ridgeons Limited. Cromwell

His Royal Highness. Chan-cellor. University of Cambridge, afterwards visited Gonville and Caius College and dined in College

Mr Hugh Wyatt (Deputy Lieutenant of West Sussex) was present at Gatwick Airport, London, this morning upon the Departure of the Governor-Gen-

bands and bade farewell to Their Excellencies on behalf of The **BUCKINGHAM PALACE**

July 7: The Prince Edward, Chairman. International Council, The Duke of Edinburgh's Award International Association, this morning received Award participants on an exchange between Suffolk and South Africa. **BUCKINGHAM PALACE**

July 7: The Princess Royal this afternoon attended a Royal Agricultural Society of England and British Horse Society Symposium "A Sport Horse for the Future" at the Babhage Lecture Theatre, New Cambridge, and was received by Mr Michael Marshall (Vice Lord-Lieutenant of Cambridgeshire). ST JAMES'S PALACE

July 7: The Prince of Wales, President. The Prince of Wales Business Leaders Forum, this evening attended a meeting to review the progress of the International Hotels Environment Initiative and afterwards gave a Reception for participants. YORK HOUSE

July 7: The Duke of Kent, President, the Engineering Council, this morning opened a Symposium at The Queen Elizabeth II Conference Centre, London SWI, marking the One Hundred and Fiftieth Anniversary of the Institution of Mechanical Engineers. THATCHED HOUSE LODGE July 7: Princess Alexandra, Chan-cellor, this afternoon presided at

congregations for the conferment

of Degrees and Honorary Degrees

at Lancaster University.

Today's royal engagements

The Duke of Edinburgh, as Chancellor, will visit Cambridge University and confer honorary degrees at a congregation at 11.15 The Princess Royal will visit HMS Dryad, near Southwick, Hamp-shire at 10.30; and as Patron, the Canal Museum Trust, will attend a reception and exhibition "Women and Children of the Canal" at 12-13 New Wharf Road. Kings Cross, London NI at

The Duchess of Kent, as Patron, will visit the Sussex Beacon, Bevendean Road, Brighton at

Princess Alexandra, as Chancellor, will preside at ceremonies for the conferment of degrees and honorary degrees at Lancaster Univer-

Dr Ismond Rosen

A Memorial Tribute for Dr Ismond Rosen will be held romorrow at 6pm at the Royal Society of Medicine, I Wimpole Street, London WI.

The Douai Society

The Doual Society is producing a new directory in September, For-mer pupils are invited to contact Doual School if they have not heard from the Society recently.

Legal appointment

Mr John Kenneth Macmillan to be Regional Chairman of Industrial Tribunals for the Nottingham region with effect from July



Merchant Taylors' Company

The following have been elected officers of the Merchant Taylors' Company for the ensuing year: Master, Mr MLC. Clarke; First Upper Warden, Mr J.H. Pascoe: Second Upper Warden, Mr M.W.G. Skinner; Upper Renter Warden, Mr J.M.S. Whitehead; Under Renter Warden, Sir Christopher Harding.

Appointments Commercial Bar Association

Mr Ian Glick, QC, has been appointed Chairman of the Commercial Bar Association (COMBAR) for 1997-1998. Ms Barbara Dohmann, QC, has been appointed treasurer and Mr Timothy Howe, secretary.

Royal Anthropological Institute Dr John Davis, FBA, to be President of the Royal Anthropological Institute of Great Britain and Ireland; Mrs Roslyn Poignant and Professor Elizabeth Tonkin to be Vice-Presidents.

Birthdays today

Fire Services, 73: Mrs June Dixon-Millar, founder. National Centre for Cued Speech for the Deaf, 62:

Mr Keith Fielding, rugby player, 48: Lord Gilmour of Craigmillar,

71; Mr Bruce Gyngell, former managing director, TV-am, 68; Mr

Bernard Henderson, chairman, British Waterways, 69; Mr Brian

Hitchen, former Editor. Sunday

Express, 61; Dame Elaine Kellen-

Bowman, former MP, 73; Dr P.C.

The Duke and Duchess of Gloucester celebrate the 25th anniversary of their marriage

Lord Allen of Abbeydale, \$5; Mr Jon Bannenberg, yacht designer, 68: Dr RS. Barnes, metallurgist, 73: Dr Kate Bertram, former President, Lucy Cavendish College. Cambridge, 85; Dr Thomas H. Bewley, former president, Royal College of Psychiatrists, 71; Sir Robin Biggam, former chairman, BICC, 59: Mr C.D. Brown, Headmaster. Norwich School, 53; the Hon Dame Mary Corsar, former chairman, WRVS, 70; Sir Peter Darby, former Chief Inspector of

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Jean de La Fontaine, poet. Château-Thierry. France. 1621: Tom Cribb, prizefighter, Bitton, Gloucestershire. 1781; Count Ferdinand von Zeppelin, airship pioneer, Baden, 1838; John D. Rockefeller, oil magnate and philanthropist, New York, 1839; Sir Arthur Evans, archaeologist,

Knight, Vice-Chancellor, University of Central England in Birmingham, 50: Major-General RB Loudoun, former director, Mental Health Foundation, 75; Viscount Mersey, 63; Mr David

Percy Grainger, composer and planist, Melbourne, 1882. DEATHS: Percy Bysshe Shelley, poet, drowned off Leghorn, 1822: Sir Henry Raeburn, painter, Edin-burgh, 1823; Sir William Edward Parry, Arctic explorer, Ems, Germany, 1855; Hablot K. Browne (Phir), illustrator, Brighton, 1882; Anthony Hope (Sir Anthony Hope

Nash Mills, Hertfordsbire, 1851;

James Morris, chief executive, of Cruelty to Animals, 61; Miss-Pauline Quirke, actress, 38; the Right Rev Derek Rawcliffe, former Bishop of Glasgow and Galloway, Viscount Samuel, 75: Herr Walter

Metcalfe, insurance broker, 70; Mr

Scheel, former President, West Germany, 78: Sir Roy Shaw, former secretary-general, Arts Council of Great Britain, 79; Mr Brian Walden, broadcaster and former MP. 65: Mr John Wallwork cardiothoracic surgeon, 51; Air Chief Marshal Sir Neil Wheeler, 80.

Hawkins), novelist, Walton-onthe Hill, Surrey, 1933; Henry Havelock Ellis, physician and writer, Hintlesham, Suffolk, 1939; Vivien Leigh, actress, London, 1967; Wilfred Rhodes, Yorkshire and England cricketer, Broadstone, Dorset, 1973.

Portuguese naviganor Vasco da Gama set sail from Lisbon in search of a sea route to India, 1497.

Memorial service

Canon and Mrs Perceval Hayman

SEMON SCHLUTE

A service of thanksgiving for the lives of Canon Perceval Hayman, formerly of Marlborough College and Rogate Vicarage, West Sussex, and Mrs Sylvia Hayman was held vesterday in Chichester Cathedral. The Dean of Chichester officiated. The Earl of Sandwich, son-inlaw, and other members of the family gave readings. The Right Rev Simon Phipps and the Count-ess of Sandwich, daughter, gave addresses:

Luncheons

HM Government Mr George Robertson, Secretary of State for Defence, was the host at a luncheon given by Her Majesty's Government yesterday at Lancaster House in honour of the Minister Responsible for Detence Affairs of Oman.

Company of Gold and Silver Wyre Drawers Mr Nigel S. Nichols, Master of the Company of Gold and Silver Wyre Drawers, presented the company's 1997 certificate and prize for meritorious work in gold and silver wire to Miss Shelley Cox, the company's apprentice and a stu-dent of the Royal School of Needlework, at a court luncheon. held yesterday at Innholders' Hall. Mr Keith Kirby, Warden, and Sir Marcus Fox also sooke. The Masters of the Glaziers' and Chartered Surveyors: Companies, and the Principal and the Bursar of the Royal School of Needlework, were among the guests.

Dinners

Company of Coachmakers & Coach Harness Makers
Mr James Smillie, Master of the Company of Coachmakers and Coach Harness Makers, presided at the annual dinner held yesterday at Tallow Chandlers' Hall for the Masters, Clerks and Livery Committee. Mr Michael Limb. Assistant and Chairman of the Livery Committee and the Master of the Tallow Chandlers' Company, also spoke.

pany, also spoke.

Canada Chub
Dr Gavin Relly, Director of the
Anglo-American Corporation, was
the guest of honour at a dinner given
by the Canada Club last night at the
Dorchester Hotel. Lord Strathorna
and Mount Royal presided. Mr
Philip Priestley, Head of the North
American Department, Foreign and
Commonweath Office, and Mr
Michael Chapman also spoke.

Reception

Forum UK Ms Barbara Follett, MP, was the host at a reception given by Forum UK at 7 Milibank last night for members and other women mem bers of parliament. Mrs Margaret Beckett, President of the Board of Trade, attended.

Forthcoming marriages

Dr M.C. Persand and Miss F.M. Stubbs The engagement is announced between Mark, elder son of Mr F. Persaud and the late Mrs D. Persaud, of Colchester, and Fiona Mairi, youngest daughter of Sir William and Lady Srubbs, of London.

Mr J.H., de Bono and Miss C.C. Marshall The engagement is announced

berween John, elder son of Professor and Mrs David de Bono. of Cropsion. Leicestershire, and Caroline, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Geoffrey Marshall, of Campden Hill Square, London. Mr N.L.P. Powell

and Miss N.F. Aldrich-Blake The engagement is announced between Nicholas, elder son of Mr and Mrs Roger Powell, of Cairo,
Egypt, and Reigate, Surrey, and
Natasha, elder daughter of Mr
and Mrs Douglas Aldrich-Blake,
of Headley, Hampshire.

Mr A.J. Watson and Miss F.L. Paton

The engagement is announced between Angus, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Harnish Warson, of Campden Hill Square, London, and Fiona, younger daughter of the Rev Professor David and the Rev Beth Paton, of Saskatoon, Canada

The marriage between Mr Charles Rhodes and Miss Caroline Dolby will not take place.

Marriages Mr A. Harris

and Miss V. Chamberlain
The marriage took place on Sat-urday, at St Paul's, Knightsbridge.

between Mr Adrian Harris, eldest son of Mr and Mrs David Harris. and Miss Vassi Chamberlain, only daughter of Mr and Mrs John Chamberlain. The bride was attended by

Oliver, James and Edward Hey-Chiver, James and Edward Hey-wood-Lonsdale, Richard and Edouard Selvi, Miss Megan Ag-new, Miss Tatiana Longden, Miss Ella Saunders and Miss Made-leine Hebert. Mr. Mark Summerhayes was best man. A reception was held at the Savile Club and the honeymoon is being spent abroad.

Mr M.J.H. Maughan and Mrs J.A. Black The marriage took place on Tues-day, June 10, 1997, at St Michael's Church, Silverstone, of Mr Michael Maughan and Mrs Jean Ann

'A reception was held at Paris House, Woburn, ...

University news

Oxford. Pembroke College The Sir Roger Bannister Scholar-ship 1997-98 has been awarded to

Mr A.A. Mangi, formerly of Karachi Grammar School.

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What then, laxed, does the Lord your God ask of you? Only this: to fear the Lord your God, to conform to all your God, to comform to all his ways, to love him and serve him with all your heart and soul. Deutstonomy 10: 12

BIRTHS

ALLWHIGHT - On July 1st at The Portland Hospital, to Hilary (née Gurr) and Andrew, a son, Charlie jack, a precious gift. BERESFORD-WEST - On July 3rd at The Portland Hospital, to Sophie Childs and Barney, a daughter, fills Maria Harley, a sister for Tom.

BUGGE - On June 15th at The Portland Hospital, to Anne-Lise S. Jansen and Jan Andreas, a son, Sophus. Anneas, a son, sounces.

CROMEN - On July 3rd at The
Portland Hospital, to
Carolyn and Roger, a son,
Cameron, many thenks to
the staff and Dr. Mahfous. DAY - On 3rd July 1997. Allson (née Kitching) and Kevin are delighted to announce the birth of their first child Isabelis Madeline.

REEDMAN - On 1st July 1997, to Debra (née Lewis) and Andrew, a daughtez, Natenya

FREDAY - On July 4th at The Portland Hospital, to Caroline and William, a GASZTOWTT - On July 1st at The Portland Hospital, to Emily and Cyril, a daughtet, Lily Joann.

Gills-GALPHs-At the Hospital of St John & St Elizabeth on 29th June to Stephen Galpin and Bernadette Gills, a beautiful daughter, Olivia Grace.

GRESSWELL - On June 6th 1997, to Caroline (nee Enollys) and Daniel, a drughter, Emma Charlotte, a sister for Eleanor. LESCHALLAS - On July 3rd 1997. to Jo (nee Lywood) and Simon, a daughter, Kitty Camilla, a half-sister for Maria-Clair

MAYOR - On July 4th, to Samb (née Mead) and Alexander, a son, William Thomas, a brother for Emily and Alice. Meckrossam - On Joly Ist at The Portland Hospital, to Extrina (see Hamilton) and David, a son, Archie Douglas David,

MOODY - On 6th July to Wendy and Paul of Kinsale, Co. Cork a striking daughter, Katrina. MECONE - On June 24th, to Victoria (Toddy nes Westropp) and Simon, a daughter, Henrietta Constance

NECHOLAS - On June 26th, to julie (née Eurdell) and Jerry, twin sons, Lloyd Timothy and Gereth Frederick, brothers for Chice. QUAZAR-TIGHE - On July 5th at The Portland Hospital, to

Phillippe and Matthew, daughter, Grace Barbarn, sister for Luke, with love. ROSENSON - On June 26th at The Portland Hospital, to Extile (Saler) and Craig, a son, Alastair Lawrence, a brother for Olivia. SAKO - On july 2nd at The Pertland Hospital, to junko and Mamoru, a son, Atsushi Edward.

SALE - On July 3rd, to Pippa (net Trethowan) and Dick, a daughter, Eliza Mary, a sister for Otivez. TAMGMEY - On 4th July at the Chelses and Westminster Hospital, to lane (née Kinopp) and Thomas, a son, Benedict Robert, a brother for Amalia.

DEATHS

ABNEY - William, suddenly and peacefully on June 26th, Much loved friend of Barry Much loved friend of Barry and dear brother of Annabel and uncle of Robin Dewhurst and family. Service at Mortlake Cromatorium, Tuesday July 15th at 2.30 pm. Flowers and enquiries to J.H. Kenyon, 74 Rochester Row, London SWIP 13TO or donations to the RNLI, 20 Buckingham Street, WC2N 6EF.

ALIAN - Jean on 6th July in Victoria, B.C., Canada. Beloved widow of Ted, lowing mother of Susie and dear guindmother of Jeany and Katharine Fraser of Little Shelford, Cambridge.

ANDREW - Dr. Thomas Raiph, FRIC, aged 72, died after a long illness bravely borne, june 30th. Much lowed and now sadly missed husband,

ASHWORTH - Peter Arthur, much loved father of Anne, Michael, Peter and John, died pescefully in his sieep on Sunday July 6th. Fameral to be held at Sacred Heart Church, Edge Hill, Winbledon at 10 am Piday July 11th. Flowers or donations to the Parklasons Disease Society, 22 Upper Woburn Place, London WCIH GEP.

ATKBI - On July 4th Margaret aged 65 years of Endeliffe Grove Avenue, Sheffield, Beloved Mother of Sarah, Marthew Louise and the late Marthew, Louise and the late Alice. Service at St John's Church, Ranmoor, Sheffleld on Thursday July 10th at 2.30 pm followed by cremation. No flowers please, donations payable to RNLL may be sent to John Heath & Sons, Funeral Directors, Sheffield, 84 718.

BEATTHE - On 5th July, the eve of his Soth birthday, Richard innes peacetully after a long illness. Much loved husband of Betty, father of Staan, Richard and Jonathan, grandfather and great-grandfather. Funeral at Chichester Communium on Friday July 11th at 11 am. Family flowers only.

BRAY - Ronald Henry BRAY - Ronald Henry peacefully after a long illness bravely borne on 2nd july 1997 in Ipswich Hospital aged 71 years. A loving husband, father and grandfather. The funeral service will take place at Ipswich Crematorium on Tuesday 15th July at 2.30pm. Enquiries to Geo. Paskell Funeral Service, 15 ligh Street, Manningtree.

BREMETON - Desmond Douglas.
On July 5th, 1997 at home, dearly loved husband of Fenny, father of Sarah. Funeral Service will be held at 5t Andrew's Church, Kimbolton on Friday, 11th july at 245 pm, followed by private cremation. Family flowers only, donations if desired to The Stroke Association c/o Crowsons, Funeral Directors, Barnwell, nr. Oundle.

DEATHS

WETTER SANCIEZ - On July 3rd at The Fortland Hospitel, to Cassandin (née Goad) and Erik, a son, Luca Alonso, a brother for Hearlk BROOME - Michael on 29th June after a short illness, dearly loved husband and amateur numismatist. Funeral at Reading Commitment at Reading Commitment at 3.30 pm. No flowers, donations at a later date for setting up a fund for Numismatist. Research, contact the RNS at the

COHEM - Lisa. In loving memory of Lisa, adored daughter of Susan and jonathan, and beloved sister of Marc, on 5th July. Family funeral. Thankagiving Service in September.

CRAFTER - On 5th July, peacefully at Graystoke Manor. Norman Henry aged 83 years, formerly of Eigh Salvington, Worthing. Beloved 'mahand of the late loan, dearly loved father of Carolyn and Jeunifer and loving granded of Paul, Chiver, Hanneh and Alasdat, Chiver, Hanneh and Alasdat, 11th July at Worthing Crematorium at 11.20 am. Family flowers only.

CUTTS - Penelope Flora
(Pippa) suddenly at home on
6th july, most dearly
beloved wife of john, mother
of Celia and Hichard and
grandmother of james, Kate,
jamnifer and Rachel Punesal
Service to be held in Holy
Trinity Church, Potten End,
on Monday 14th July at
2.45pm, prior to private
cremation. Family flowers
only please. Denations if
desired for Water Aid clo G
Hall & Sons, 3 Markowes,
Hemel Hempsteed, Herts.

CHCKEON - Frances A on 5th july peacefully. Funeral Service St George's Church, Bicknoller, 11 o'clock Thursday 10th July.

contact the BNS at the British Museum, Department of Colus and Medals (attention Joe Crib).

Grematorium at 11.20 am. Family flowers only. Donatims if desired to the MacMillan Cancer Fund, c/o H.D. Tribe 11d., 130 Broadwater Ecod, Worthing, West Sussez. Telephone: (01903) 234516.

Enquiries to F.H. Willicombi Williton (01984) 632420.

DRIMINWATER - Collingwood Peter died pescafully on Thursday 3rd July 1997, best friend and beloved husband of Belinds, adored father and grandfather. Funeral Private. Family flowers only by request, donations in lieu if so desired should be sent to The British Heart Foundation (Isle of Man). A service of thanksgiving will be beld at 12 noon on Priday 22nd August at Kirk Braddan Church, Isle of Ran. All enquirles please to Eric Faragher Ltd., Funeral Directors, Onchan, Isle of Man. Tek (01624) 673109/622897.

FARHERIST - Ernest (Pip) aged
74 years blowmed by family
and friends from
Macclesfield, Balliol,
London and latterly
Hampshire. Funeral at
Southampton Crematorium
at 2.30 pm on Friday 11th
July. No flowers please.
Doustlons, if desired, to the
Army Sensyolent Fund, tie 7.
Pink & Sons, Bishop's
Waltham, Hampshire.

FERGUSON - Hileen Mary
Ferguson MV.O., peacefully
at Princess Alice Hospice
July 3rd after a long filness,
aged 66 years, Beloved sister
of Stuart James, sigsterinlaw Karry, nisca and nephew
Chelsen Anne and Robert
Mark and grand-nephew and
niece Austin Mark and
Madeline Elicen. Retired
from British Airways after
38 years service, honoured
by Her Majesty Oueen
Elizabeth II in 1988 for
service to the Boyal Family.
She will be sadly missed by
all her family noders
Church, Chist
Church Boad, East Sheen.
Family flowers only or
donations if destired,
cheques made payable to
Impecial Cancer Research or
Princess Alice Hospice and
sent to T.H. Sanders, 447
Upper Richmond Road West,
East Sheen, SW14 7PR.

FORMAN, Dr. Parience Author

HOUGH - On July 6th
peacefully at Cromwell
Housing, Hustingdon, Cambs, Joan
Hough, sometime Vicar of
Folkestone, the Internet, and fane
and grandmother of Stephen,
june, Joan
Hough
Canbard, Jesund mother
Cancer and Interneurs
Chilard in Ferming Service at All Saints
Church, Huntingdon,
Cambs, on Huntingdon,
Cambs, Jesund mother
of Richard, Elsenter of Stephen,
june, Joan
Huntingdon, Cambs, Joan
Huntingdon, C

FORMAM - Dr. Patience Anthea Forman died peacefully in the Madway Hospital on 4th July 1997 aged 77 years. Sister of Virginia and Rosamoud Funeral Service to take place at the Church of St. Maydalene, Gillingsham Green, on Wednesday 16th July at 2.30 pm, followed by cremation at Medway Crematorium. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to the Sheppey General Hospital Appeal Fund of John Wolf Funeral Disector, 127 Warting Street, Gillingham, Kent MEZ 277.

FRASER - See Alian. 60RB - David, much loved father of Peter Gorb and Eath Montagne, father-in-law of Rath Gorb and Lee-Montague, grandfather and great-grandfather, died in Hampstead on July 4th after 78 years of active and independent life.

GOULD - On 4th July, peacafully at Ashust Park Nursing Home, Michael. Seloved father of Hisry and Elisor and grandfather of Max, Sam and Hannah. Cremation on Friday 11th July at 12.30 pm at the Tunbridge Wells Crematorium. Family flowers only, donations to RSFB. The Lodge, Sandy, Beds.

GREGORY - Roy CBE Q.C. aged 81 on 4th July at 8t Anthony's Hospital, Chean. Dearly loved husband of Charlotte and the late Oliva. Admired and loved father of Alan, father-in-law of Sury and grandfather of Elsanor, Dumin and Camilla. Pomeni Service at 11.30 am on Monday 14th July at 8t Mary the Virgin Church, Ewell. Family flowers only, donations to 8t Anthony's Hospital League of Friends. Enquiries to A & B Longhurst, tei: (D181) 392-1077.

HARBOTTLE - Lt. Col. Wilkie (Bottle), 7 RHA retd on July 1st 1997 in his 82nd year, very beloved husband of Enthiesen (Empi) and much loved lather of Angle, These, Lucy (documed) and Entie and devoted gamdiather to Davina, Alica, Dairy, Mayow, Toin, Ruyert and Tottle, Funeral Service at 3 pm on Priday 11th Joly at St Mary & St. Ethelburga Church, Lyminge, Rent. Flowers to Hambrook & Johns Funeral Directors, 1 Dover Road, Folkestone, Kent.

Huntingdon, Cambs.

JONES - On July 4th
peacefully in Leeds aged 59
years, Dr. David W. Jones of
The School of Chemistry at
The University of Leeds.
Much missed by his sister
Hamnah and by many dear
friends and colleagues.
Service at Emmanuel Chunch
(The University Church),
Leeds 2, on Monday July
14th at 215 pm, prior to
creanation. remaition.

LYOM - Edzabeth. Peacefully on 4th July in Hersford. Window of Blue. Requiem Mass at Belmont Abbey. Hersford, on Friday, 11th July, st 10.45 am, followed by cremaition. Enquiries please to Daws Bros. Tel. (01432) 27/4066.

(01432) 274066.
MacDOMALD Dorsen
Maybert, wife of the late
Alister, daughter-in-law of
Rt Hon James Ramsay
MacDonald Dearty loved
mother of Susan, Richard
and Kelvin and grandmother
of Melissa, Luisa, Charles,
Bosie and Edward, who
would like to express their
gratitude for the care given
to ber by E3 Ward, Reighton
General Hospital. Funeral
2.15 pm on Tussday 15th
July at St Mangaret's Church,
Bottingdom, East Sussex.

McKAY - Dr. Harbert Aliven

Hortingdom, East Sensez.

HickAY - Dz. Herbert Alwyn
Cochane of Pegastos Ganage,
Carlord (Jonnerly of Goring
on Thannes) died Thursday
Sad July 1997 after some
weeks of illness.
Distinguished Nucleur
Scientist, Lifelong Aftherent
of Mozal Ee-Armoment and
Generous friend to many,
Funezal 2 pm Thursday 10th
July St Matthews Church,
Marthocough Road, Oxford
followed by cremation. Maribosough Road, Oxford followed by cremation. Flowers or donations to The Barnahes Charitable Trest c/o Revers & Pain, 288 Abingdon Road, Oxford, OXI 472.

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SERTON - Suddenly but peacefully on Friday July 4th. Peggy, beloved wife of the hoe Wille, and much loved sister, aunt, stepmother and grandmother. Funeral at the Church of St Mary & St Nicholas, Wilton, nr. Sallabury, on Theoday July 15th at 1130 nm, followed by a private cremation. abus at 11.30 mm, followed by a private cremation. Family flowers only piesse, but if desired, desertions for The Royal Air Force Benevolent Fund c/o LN. Newman, Griffin House, 33 Winchester Street, Salisbury, Winchester Street, Salisbury.

Millforth Frances Mary
peacefully at Silverwood
Nursing Home, Beeston,
Nottingham, aged 91 years,
Puneral Service at Bramcote
Crematorium, Nortingham,
on Menday July 14th at
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OBITUARIES

Earl Cadogan, MC, landowner and Jockey Club Steward, died in Scotland on July 4 aged 83. He was born on February 13, 1914.

The 7th Earl Cadogan was head of a family who have presided as landlords over some of London's grandest acres for more than 200 years. Even today the Cadogan Estate covers some 94 acres between Knightsbridge and Albert Bridge on the Thames. There are leafy streets and picturesque garden squares — such as Cheyne Walk. Cheyne Gardens, Cadogan Square and Chelsea Square — which have provided homes for prime ministers, ambassadors, captains of industry, pop stars and even courtesans. (Successive London station chiefs of the CIA have lived in a splendidly grand house on Cheyne Walk, vainly striving for anonymity by driving small shabby cars or vans of ancient vintage.)

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All of this real estate came to the Cadogan family through marriage Lord Cadogan of Oakley married Elizabeth Sloane in 1717, and when her father. Sir Hans Sloane, died in 1753 he left her the grander half of the manor of Chelsea. She acquired most of the other half on the death of her sister, Sarah Stanley, which made a total of 270 acres.

Given the prosperity of the Cadogan Estate today, it is surprising to discover that what the 7th Earl inherited was mainly debts. That was in 1933, William Gerald Charles Cadogan, Viscount Chel-sea, was 19 years old. His father, the 6th Earl, a gambler and a heavy drinker, had for years been banned from all involvement in the running of the estate, and died an undischarged bankrupt in 1933. When the young Viscount Chelsea came into his inheritance, the trustees were nervous_ about the future. Financial experts were called in, and all gave the same advice:

The 7th Earl, a doggedly determined man, made it clear to his trustees that he did not want to be the one to dispose of this inheritance. The restoration of the family finances was to take many twists and turns, but Cadogan saw his father's debts finally paid off in 1976, 43 years after inheriting them.

Top of the disposal list were use with imposing family homes, Culford Hall, St. Edmunds, and Chelsea House in Cadogan Place North, with its wedding cake exterior, white marble halls: and huge ballroom. Both houses were the

Victoria enjoyed them so much that she encouraged him to give more. He returned the compliment by inviting her royal relatives from across the Continent to his grander social gatherings. The life at Chelsea House caught the

eye of an observant boy who was born a few doors away. His parents were tenants of the 5th Earl, and he wrote later of what he saw from the nursery window. He was Harold Macmillan, later Prime Minister and eventually ennobled himself as the Earl of Stockton.

House was a kind of baronial castle only outmatched by Buckingham Palace . . when we were half asleep we would hear the rumble of horse-drawn carriages, returning from parties, with the ring of horse hooves on the cobbles." Harold Macmillan and his brothers. Arthur and Daniel, were particularly taken by a man they used to see on the steps of Chelsea House wearing a wig, blue coat, red velvet knee breeches, yellow stockings and silver-buckled shoes. This person, who commanded our deepest respect, we took to be Lord Cadogan, proudly surveying his tenants and his properties." They were mistaken. He was Lord Cadogan's head

In his memours he wrose: "Chelses

Chelsea House was sold to developers and demolished, and an ordinary block of flats was built on the land. The family's country residence, Culford Hall in Suffolk, became a boys' school and is now the central building of a flourishing co-educational establishment for 600 pupils. The Forestry Commission bought the extensive woods and much of the land.

Cadogan himself did not mourn the loss of these grand family homes. Opulent living and parties were not to his taste. He liked to live quiety in simple luxury.
Watching one of his steeplechasers race and walking his labradors on Scottish hills untouched by man were probably his greatest pleasures.

Receiving visitors was important to him but he was not a great talker. This did not, however, prevent him making a point succinctly. When informed by one of his staff that the Royal Fine Art Commission had given high praise to a new block of flats on his Knightsbridge acres, his response was: "Quite one of the ugliest buildings I've ever seen."

He had his own standards, and it did not upset him in the slightest if some considered them old-fashioned - in his view, for instance, office telephones

EARL CADOGAN



To him, again, punctuality was never just the politeness of princes. It was almost an article of faith, and his children were made aware of this early in life. If they came late to the family dining table there was no going back to partake of courses already cleared away.

William Gerald Charles Cadogan, only son of the 6th Earl and his wife Lilian Eleanora Marie Coxon, was born at Culford Hall, Bury St Edmunds, and educated at Ludgrove, Eton and the Royal Military College, Sandhurst. He was commissioned into the Coldstream Guards and served for two years before buying himself out to devote time to his

was not expected. The 5th Earl, the politician, had four sons. The two older ones predeceased their father and neither left a surviving male heir. So the title, with its landed inheritance, went to the third son, the 6th Earl. Historians may well

it had gone to the fourth son, his younger brother by 15 years. He was Sir Alexander Cadogan, Permanent Under-Secretary at the Foreign Office throughout the war,

At the outbreak of the Second World War, Cadogan sailed from Bristol to the Middle East with the Royal Wiltshire Yeomanry. He saw active service in Palestine, Iraq and Jordan with a cavalry unit before mechanisation and the transfer to tanks and armoured vehicles. He served right through the fiercely fought battles of the North African campaign and won the Military Cross for his part in the Battle of El Alamein. He crossed the Mediterranean, reaching Sicily by landing craft, and went through the Italian campaign as far as Rome. In later years he would recall what was, for him, the most memorable sight of the war: seeing Rome and its sparkling buildings from the surrounding hills on a bright sunny

He emerged from six years' active service without illness or injury. The war, though, had taken its toll. He returned to his family miserably thin and very withdrawn. Deciding that what he needed was a spell in the country, he bought Snaigow. a Perthshire estate. This he continued to extend, so that it is now more than 3,000 acres.

n the 1960s he decided to add to his farming interests and bought a 2,000-acre sheep farm near Perth in Australia. Over the years, he kept up annual visits and developed it as a commercial enterprise. He became interested in sheep farming when growing up at Culford Hall. His grandfather was a flockmaster respected in the farming community for his success in crossing Southdown and Suffolk sheep.

It was 1959 before plans for the lucrative London estate were submitted to the London planning authorities following the restrictions of the Second World War. The plans, on a larger scale than any other for London at the time, took up a whole room, floor to ceiling, at County Hall. They proposed two 26-storey residential blocks: widening Sloane Square and installing first-floor walkways to link new buildings on either side of Sloane

Street, and a whole new square of mews houses and flats north of Pimlico Road, opposite the present Chelsea Barracks. There followed four years of modifications the scheme for one tower block had to be lowered by six storeys so as not to

intrude on the skyline of Buckingham

Palace as seen from The Mall - but eventually the whole plan was dropped. As Lord Cadogan pointed out 20 years later, however, the subsequent piecemeal development of the area, which he had earlier opposed, was much more successful financially than the master plan. The new direct trains from Knightsbridge to Heathrow, and the completion of four high-class hotels near by, enhanced Sloane Street overnight. Top Paris shops in particular queued for outlets in the street. The mundane gave way to glittering shopfronts and marble floors. Openplan office blocks were built in the area. with smart shops underneath. Major stores were so keen to get a footing in the King's Road that the Cadogan Estate was

able to insist on red brick with limestone

facings designed to blend with the

surroundings.
Nothing better illustrates Cadogan's doggedness with planners than his successful battle to provide underground parking for hundreds of cars beneath a garden square. He was the first to see the benefit to shoppers of using appropriate garden squares in this way, though two others elsewhere were completed first. The battle went on for nearly seven years, before permission for the garage at Cadogan Place North was granted after a second appeal to the Secretary of State.

What had incensed the London County Council planning committee was the idea of digging up a garden, especially one by the landscape architect Humphry Repton, in order to park motor cars. Cadogan was determined that as good a garden as Repton's should take its place. He was personally involved, deciding on designs and choosing shrubs and trees himself. The garden now has a much lighter, more open feel than Repton's. And, 30 years on, the garage is still the biggest facility of its kind in this part of Knightsbridge.

Of course, there were setbacks. Plans to redevelop some nine acres of mainly

terraced streets north of Royal Hospital Road, with buildings including two multistorey residential blocks, outraged Chelsea residents. Even if their houses were in as poor a state as claimed, they wished to renew their leases. Their hopes were more than fulfilled by the Leasehold Reform Act some years later under which - to Lord Cadogan's ill-disguised fury — they acquired their freeholds. The proposed tall blocks were never built.

Despite his agricultural interests. Cadogan had a closer and longer association with Chelsea than any of his predecessors. His main residence for over 50 years was his house in Cadogan Square, and he served for six years on Chelsea Borough Council. The inherited privileges of the Lord of the Manor of Chelsea have shrunk over the years. One that survives is the patronage of three livings, with the right to appoint their incumbents. The 7th Earl remained patron of St Luke's, the imposing edifice on Sydney Street, which is Chelsea's parish church. He was also patron of Holy Trinity, Sloane Street, and joint patron of Chelsea Old Church.

He worked with dedication for the Freemasons not only in Britain but in America and the older Commonwealth countries. He first held office in the United Grand Lodge of England in 1954, and from 1969 to 1982 he was Pro-Grand Master, effectively deputy to the Duke of Kent. During that time he travelled extensively abroad, especially visiting lodges for anniversaries and celebrations. Although he stood down from office at the age of 68, his interest and involvement remained fresh.

Horses were an abiding interest. From 1936 to 1938 he was master of a fashionable pack, the Grafton, on the Buckinghamshire/Northamptonshire border. Anne Hawkins, a recent joint master and then a member of the Hunt's Pony Club, recalled his time: "The children adored him, he made us welcome and gave us talks on the countryside that all of us remembered into adult life."

After the Second World War, Cadogan devoted time over 20 years to the administration of racing, first as a Steward of the National Hunt Committee and then - after their merger - of the Jockey Club. The Aga Khan (grandfather of the present Aga) made him a trustee of his studs outside France.

e himself raced on the flat and over the sticks. Once asked why he had so many trainers of his horses, he said it was to increase his chances of winning the Grand National and the Cheltenham Gold Cup. Neither ambition was realised. But he won some good races, including one at Aintree on Grand National Day and another at Cheltenham on Gold Cup day. Gerry Scott, now a Jockey Club starter, recalls riding for him. When you won any race for Lord Cadogan, he could not have been more delighted if you had won the biggest race of the day. He was that kind of owner."

In the early 1990s he gave up active involvement in the Cadogan Estate and retired to Snaigow. Before leaving London he told his friends: "I'm off to Scotland - I may not be back - but you are welcome to come and visit me there." He remained very alert into old age, though failing physically and losing the use of his legs. This did not deter him from visiting his farms and grouse moors. His batterypropelled wheelchair would be loaded into motorised transport so that he could always be mobile at his destination.

He was married twice - first, in 1936, to Primrose Yarde-Buller, daughter of the 3rd Baron Churston. They divorced in 1959 (she died in 1970). Then in 1961 he married Cecilia ("Bunny") Hamilton-Wedderburn, younger daughter of Lieu-tenant-Colonel Henry Hamilton-Wedderburn. He is survived by her and, from his first marriage, three daughters and a son, Viscount Chelsea, who now becomes the 8th Earl Cadogan.

RICHARD JAECKEL

Richard Jaeckel, film was quite happy delivering the actor, died in California on June 14 aged 70. He was born in New York on October 10, 1926.

IN A town bursting with ambitious hopefuls, the idea that anyone in Hollywood would have to be ordered onto a movie set seems improbable. But this is what happened to the young Richard Jaeckel, who was working in the Twentieth Century Fox mail-room in 1943 when a studio executive noticed his babyfaced good looks and invited him to take a screen test. To the shock of the executive,

Jaeckel refused, replying he

The executive wore him down, and eventually he capit-

ulated. Jaeckel went on to make 70 films in a 54-year career. His first role was as a young Marine in the 1943 film *Guadalcanal Diary.* The following year he played another military role in Wing and a Prayer, about the Battle of Midway.

Jaeckel's talent for portraying tough-guy Marines and hard-nosed detectives was duly recognised and, after a stint in the US Navy from 1944 to 1948, he immediately returned to Hollywood, where he remained in demand.

Critical plaudits followed Sands of Iwo Jima. The Naked and the Dead and The Dirty Dozen, in which he shared the billing with Lee Marvin and Charles Bronson.

Eventually Jaeckel broke free of military typecasting. In Come Back Little Sheba (1952) he held his own opposite Burt Lancaster and Shirley Booth playing the highly-sexed boyfriend of a young girl. In the 1970s his career took

another turn as he began working in westerns and he was lauded for his work in Sam Peckinpah's Pat Garrett and Billy the Kid (1973). In 1971 he received a Best Sup-porting Actor nomination for

his role in Sometimes a Great Notion (released in Britain as Never Give an Inch). Directed by Paul Newman and starring Newman and Henry Fonda, the movie was based on a novel by Ken Kesey about a family of loggers struggling for a living in the Oregon

woods. When Jaeckel's big screen career began to peter out in the 1980s, he turned his attention to television. He appeared regularly as Lieutenant Quirk in Spenser: For Hire, and most recently he strolled the California beaches on the series Baywatch.

Jaeckel leaves a widow and two sons.

SHELLEY'S SPIRIT Sir Rennell Rodd referred to the poet

as a spirit of transcendental genius and the most ethereal of all our poets. He then read messages from the two other branches of the association, the committees in Rome and New York. On behalf of the former committee the Italian Ambassador paid a tribute to Shelley. He said that the Italian nation had given hospitality to a remarkable series of English poets, among whom there was none more dear to his countrymen than Shelley - the generous champion of liberty. He was the most spontaneous and inspired of poets, and his ashes rested in Imperial Rome. Mr. Post Wheeler, Counsellor to the American Embassy, on behalf of the American committee, said that the qualities of Shelley's genius peculiarly endeared him to Americans. As it happened the blood and fire of the New World were in his veins because his paternal greatgrandfather had migrated to the country and married an American wife.

Perhaps his grandson brought back to

ON THIS DAY

July 8, 1922

On the centenary of Shelley's death by drowning in the Bay of Spezia, a celebration of his life, with a distinctly international flavour, was held in the Haymarket Theatre, London.

England something of the spirit of rationalism, romanticism and humanitarianism that was to inspire the Declaration of Independence. It was these three ideals that, fused in the furnace of his intense emotionalism, produced the finest jewels of Shellev's poesy. Mr. J.C. Squire pointed out that. if we liked to look for it, there was always a ridiculous side to celebrations such as this, and it might be said that it was particularly ridiculous to hold a formal celebration of the death of such

But no human being had ever come into contact with Shelley or with his spirit as bequeathed in his poems without owing him a debt, and it was human to desire to express gratitude for such a debt. Shelley's great failing was that he had no "common sense". It was no good trying to use his works as a political manual. If we were to observe his injunction - "Men of England, wherefore plough" - we should not get very far forward, and it had to be admitted that in matters of detail he was not a practical guide either in politics or morals ... Shelley had been called a "beautiful but ineffectual angel". He thought that now we could discard the word "ineffectual". He was as near an angel as any man of whom we have record, Mr. John Drinkwater said that Shelley seemed to him to be essentially "a divine improviser" and in his most perfect moment there was always some perfect image that made us realise his extraordinary genius. He always want-ed to make the world a better place.

an unconventional genius as Shelley.



NEWS

Ulster faces renewed violence

Scores of armour-plated police Land Rovers poured into the village of Bellaghy in Northern Ireland last night to try to prevent clashes between Orange marchers and local Roman

Loyalists agreed to restrict their parade through the village in Co Londonderry after the rioting that accompanied the parade at Drumcree on Sunday. Nevertheless, Catholics opposed to the march gathered to vent their anger .. Pages 1, 6

Two pupils die in French bus crash

Two British teenagers died and 25 of their companions were in hospital after a coach carrying them on a school adventure holiday fell 70ft into a ravine in the French Alps. Without warning the coach veered off the narrow winding road between the villages of Notre Dame du Pré and Longefoy Pages 1, 3

Schools crusade

A revamped inspection service will spearhead the Government's assault on low standards in schools which was outlined in a White PaperPages 1, 10

Working exhibit

A lavatory, fully plumbed-in, is to be installed at the Institute for Contemporary Arts in London as a work of art. The Great Flood was created by the British artist Sarah Lucas. 34 Page 1

Rural rumpus

A farmer and his wife grew increasingly fired of being woken at cock crow, the High Court was told. The trouble was the noise came from up to 40 cockerels on a neighbouring farmPage 3

Dubious benefits Most benefit cheats believe there

is nothing wrong with bending the rules or are not even aware that they are breaking the rules. according to a study Page 6 TA woman 'raped'

A woman in the Territorial Army

was raped by an officer and endured three years of sexual insults, an industrial tribunal was told.

Portillo may return

Michael Portillo raised the prospect of a return to frontline politics, delighting supporters who have not given up hope that one day he could lead the Tory Page 8

Sinking reputation

The romantic aura surrounding Newstead Abbey, once home to Lord Byron, threatens to be undermined - literally - by plans to extract coalPage 9

Sex abuse claim

Four children who were sexually abused by a disturbed teenager fostered by their parents won their High Court battle to seek compensation.....Page II

Law firm closed

A law firm that sent a bill for £12,278 to the mother of one of its own solicitors who committed suicide has been closed while being investigated by the Law Society., ...Page 11

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The Duke and Duchess of Windsor's personal possessions, including love letters, hairbrushes and an array of china pug dogs, will be sold separately at auction in New York..... Page 12 Lockerbie rethink

Evidence which suggests that

Iran and not Libya was responsible for the 1988 bombing of the PanAm jumbo above Lockerbie is

to be investigated by the Crown Office Page 13 Mexico veers Left Mexico swung to the Left as voters dealt the ruling Institutional

Revolutionary Party its worst

setback after seven decades of

Cheshire hears patter of tiny feet

Zoo-bred dormice have been released into the Cheshire countryside as part of a plan to restore the fortunes of one of Britain's best known, but least seen, native creatures. Two dozen of the tiny rodents were set free in a 25-acre wood after being kept for two weeks in cages to allow them to acclimatise. The location is being kept secret ..

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power.



Police beat demonstrators in Nairobi's Anglican cathedral as they broke up protests yesterday calling for political reform in Kenya. Page 14

BUSINESS

Economy: Fears that the Bank of England is poised to make a halfpoint rate rise eased after figures showing a sharp fall in manufac-

> Woolwich: Members of the Woolwich made £2,194 on average when the building society floated. The shares closed at 334p after openingPage 25 at 368½ p

turing output in May Page 25

Tomkins: The manufacturing conglomerate Tomkins has bowed to pressure and is to use its £185 million eash pile to buy back up to £100 million of shares Page 25 Markets: The FT-SE 100 fell 2.1 to close at 4810.7. Sterling's tradeweighted index fell from 104.0 to 103.3 after a fall from \$1.6875 to \$1.6846 and from DM2.9616 toPage 28

SPORT

Cricket: England's last five wickets added 70 runs on the final day of the third Test at Old Trafford before Australia won the match by 268 runs to level the series

Cycling: Mario Cipollini of Italy won his second successive stage of the Tour de France to extend his overall lead over Chris Boardman of Britain to 36 seconds Page 46 Golf: Justin Rose, from Hamp-

shire, has been included in the Britain and Ireland team for the Walker Cup. At 17, he is the youngest player taking part Page 44 Tennis: After the successes of Tim Henman and Greg Rusedski at Wimbledon, Britain has two men ranked in the world's top 25 for the

River view: An enthralling exhibition at the National Gallery sheds fresh light on Seurat's masterpiece, Bathers at Asnières Page 18

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Labour's standards

The Government yesterday produced coherent policy proposals for improving standards in schools more all-embracing than any of the initiatives introduced by John Major's Government Page 21 ()

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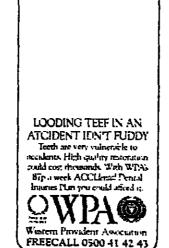
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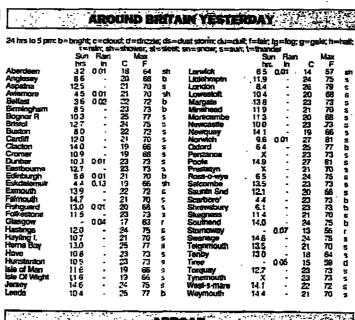
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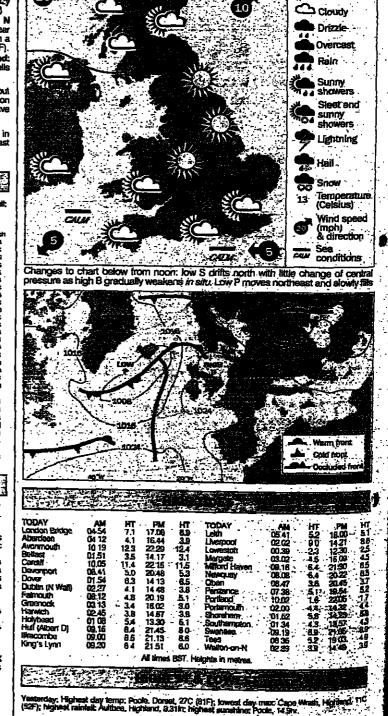
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Analysts will also be eagerly

awaiting data on whether companies opted to make

Michael Saunders, UK

economist at Salomon Broth-

ers, predicted that the poor

manufacturing data would

also have a softening impact

on the second-quarter GDP

figures due to he published

later this month. He forecast

that GDP will record a quar-

terly rise of 0.7 or 0.8 per cent.

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BUSINESS EDITOR Patience Wheatcroft

TUESDAY JULY 8 1997

Output fall eases rate rise fears

ECONOMICS:

England is poised to make a

half-point rate rise on Thurs-

day eased yesterday after new

Sterling slips back as production figures drop sharply CORRESPONDENT CITY fears that the Bank of

data showed manufacturing output collapsed in May. The unexpectedly weak production figures sent the pound, which hit a six-year high against the mark, sliding on the foreign exchanges as dealers hurriedly downgraded

rate rise expectations.

The pound closed down more than two plennigs at DM2.9395, while sterling's trade-weighted index fell 0.7 to 103.3. The FTSE 100 recovered

from early falls to finish down 2.1 points at 4,810.7, helped by strong early showing on Wall Street.

But the City believes that the Bank of England will still raise rates by a quarter point on Thursday after separate data showed the service sector continuing to boom.

John O'Sullivan, UK economist at NatWest Markets, predicted that the Bank's monetary policy committee would opt to increase rates from the current level of 6.5 per cent to dampen consumer spending.

He said: "It remains likely that the manufacturing sector will be sacrificed on the altar of consumer buoyancy."

But economists believe that base rate rises are now likely to peak at less drastic levels than the forecasts of 8 per cent or more that many had forecast after the Budget last week. Simon Briscoe, director of research at Nikko Europe, said he expected the Bank to raise rates to 7 per cent by the end of this year, but he added that the Bank wanted to see

manufacturing *squeezed, not

murdered". Manufacturing output declined by 1.1 per cent in May, the largest monthly fall for more than four years, leaving the annual rate of growth at just 1 per cent

Overall industrial production also declined 0.9 per cent, causing the annual rate to slump from a rise of 2.2 per cent in April to show a fall of 0.2 per cent in May.

compared with 2.7 per cent in

All areas of manufacturing suffered a decline in output. except for the food, drink and

was engineering, which showed a monthly fall of 2.3 per cent as car production slumped.

Economists said that the weak data pointed to the strong pound beginning to hurt the manufacturing industries. It is not immediately clear if manufacturers are losing custom because they have become uncompetitive abroad, or are being hit by cheap imports.

The Office for National Statistics said its data showed

cent in the first quarter. Mr Saunders added that manufacturing output would remain sluggish in 1998 as the full effect of the high pound that the proportion of manufacturing exports had not deand base rate rises come clined dramatically in May. through.

In contrast, the latest CBI/Corpers & Lybrand Financial Services Survey. which was also published yesterday, pointed to a strong rise in both employment and prolitability within the sector. Overall levels of business also continued to rise, although below the peak levels recorded in the last quarter of last year. But business confidence rose at its slowest rate for nearly 18

Lawyer in

Regan's

CWS bid

resigns

AND SARAH CUNNINGHAM

TODAY

MORTH SEA OIL

THE City lawyer who led the team advising Andrew Regan on his aborted £1.2 billion bid for the Co-operative Wholesale Society has resigned.

Nigel Campion-Smith. 42, who has been a corporate and commercial law partner of Travers Smith Braithwaite for 15 years, resigned yesterday. more than two months after the solictors gave an unre-served apology to CWS for using confidential CWS documents to help Mr Regan's Galileo company to put to-

Alan Keat. Travers' senior partner, said yesterday: "Nigel felt responsible for the embarrassment which the firm suffered and he made clear his wish to do everything possible to reduce the embarrassment." The firm has been heavily criticised for its role in the bid and it is understood that the Law Society has been taking a keen interest in the

Travers, along with Hambros, Galileo's merchant bankers, paid CWS more than El million to settle a civil action over the use of documents passed to Mr Regan by Allan Green, the former head of CWS's retail operations.

Hambros has asked Norton Rose, another City lawyer, to investigate the bank's role. Peter Large, the director at Hambros, has been relieved of his duties while the probe

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Brent 15-day (Sep) \$18.10 (\$18.20)

London close \$319,55 (\$324,25) denotes midday trading once

EMU 'will cut prices and profits'

MONETARY Union will lead to lower retail prices across Europe and hit corporate profitability, a report forecasts today. KPMG, the accountant and consultant, says a single currency will improve price transparency and could drive prices down to the lowest level across the single market.

Michael Littlechild, a partner at KPMG Management Consulting, says: "High cost producers should be prepared to see their margins cut substantially with a resulting red-uction in profitability." Businesses will also need to plan to deal with the impact of a change in "price points". These are deliberately used set at levels such as £3.99, to persuade the customer to mark down the actual price in his mind. Consumers should also benefit from an end to retail price maintenance.

Woolwich holds out prospect of further payouts By CAROLINE MERRELL MEMBERS of the Woolwich made £2,194 on aver-

age when the former building society floated

yesterday. Woolwich shares initially soared to 3682p, but dropped back closing at 334p. A total of 241 million shares' changed hands. Even at the low price, the minimum windfall of 450 shares is worth £1,503, and the average windfall of 657 shares is worth £2,194.

The opening price was almost double the 175p estimated in the transfer docuearlier this year, and higher than even the most optimis-

tic City predictions. John Stewart, Woolwich chief executive, held out the prospect of further payouts to shareholders through a distribution of excess capital next year. He said: "We expect to be able to put some proposals on the issue to shareholders early next year. We are taking great care in assessing ways of returning cash to share-holders." He did not rule out the possibility of take-

overs or mergers.
The Woolwich is the fourth financial institution to float on the stock market. after the Alliance & Leicester, Halifax and Norwich

will float later this year. Today's latest windfall bonanza is likely to put further pressure on the Bank of England to raise interest rates this week when its monetary policy committee meets on Wednesday and Thursday.

The Woolwich float also prompted a call from the Consumers' Association for the Government to calm the windfall frenzy by imposing a ban on any more building society conversions for at least 12 months. A total of 1.6 billion free

shares have been handed out by the Woolwich, which was founded 150 years ago. Just under a quarter of all the shares are being sold immediately. Carpethaggers' luck, page 29



UK sales of Rolls-Royce, mainly to successful businessmen, were more than double those in the US, traditionally the company's biggest market

UK accelerates Rolls-Royce sales

By Jon Ashworth

FAT CAT business leaders sent British sales of Rolls-Royces and Bentleys climbing 36 per cent in the first half of the year - the highest level since recession sent the luxury marque skidding into the ditch.

The UK led the way in the six months to June, with 549 cars sold, up from 404 last year. Sales were more than double those in America, traditionally the biggest market, and ten

Rolls-Royce Motor Cars, based in Crewe, Cheshire, says most new UK buyers are successful businessmen toasting their new-found wealth, rather than lottery winners and pop stars. Sales remained strong in the run-up to the general election, suggesting the underlying strength of the UK consumer boom. Prices range from £110,000 for the Bentley Brooklands one of the most popular models - to

times ahead of Japan, where the luxury goods sector continues to suffer. £230,000 or more for the top-of-the-range Bentley Continental T and Bentley Azure.

Worldwide sales peaked at 3,333 cars in 1990, before plunging to a low of 1,360 in 1993. Rolls-Royce Motor Cars took tough remedial action, and was able to turn a profit, even with sales at reduced levels. Sales have climbed steadily since then. The company, owned by Vickers, is restructuring its manufacturing process at a cost of £40 million. Total retail sales climbed 13 per cent to 1,029 cars in the first half. Some 225 cars were sold in America, a 7 per cent rise. Stronger sales there are anticipated towards the end of the year.

Only 52 Rolls-Royces or Bentleys were sold in Japan, a fall of 15 per cent. The same is true of Germany, where BMW sales are down 27 per cent (as at end May), and Porsche sales have slipped 14 per cent. Bright spots include Hong Kong, where Rolls-Royce had matched its entire 1996 sales by the end of May.

Gold price at 12-year low

By Paul Durman

TOMKINS, the manufacturing conglomerate, has bowed to City pressure and is to use its £185 million cash pile to buy back up to £100 million of its shares within three months. Greg Hutchings, chairman,

has previously opposed buybacks, believing that strong cash balances enable Tomkins to move quickly on acquisitions. Mr Hutchings said yesterday the policy had "evolved" because of the bull market, which is making businesses expensive to buy. "We can't justify holding cash for that large unrelated acquisition that we would like to have forming businesses, and has done," he said. Investors regard debt fi-

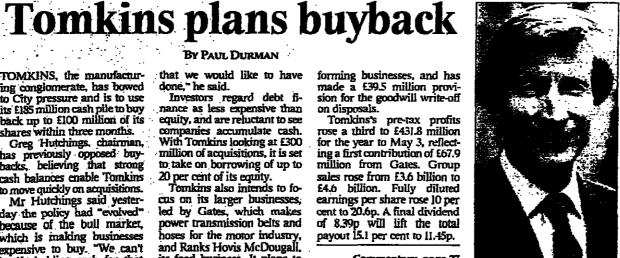
nance as less expensive than equity, and are reluctant to see companies accumulate cash. With Tomkins looking at £300 million of acquisitions, it is set to take on borrowing of up to 20 per cent of its equity.

Tomkins also intends to fo-

cus on its larger businesses, led by Gates, which makes power transmission belts and hoses for the motor industry, and Ranks Hovis McDougall, its food business. It plans to sell smaller and underpermade a £39.5 million provision for the goodwill write-off on disposals.

Tomkins's pre-tax profits rose a third to £431.8 million for the year to May 3, reflecting a first contribution of £67.9 million from Gates. Group sales rose from £3.6 billion to £4.6 billion. Fully diluted earnings per share rose 10 per cent to 20.6p. A final dividend of 8.39p will lift the total payout 15.1 per cent to 11.45p.

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Hutchings: City pressure

THE gold price fell to its lowest level for 12 years yesterday amid fears of further action by central banks after the news that the Australian Reserve Bank had sold two thirds of its gold reserves. Gold finished in London at

\$315 an ounce, down from \$326 on Friday, causing a sharp drop in gold mining shares and predictions of failures in the mining sector. Randgold, the South African mining group yesterday announced the closure of Benoni Gold Mining and said it was reviewing the terms of the By CARL MORTISHED

merger of three mines due to back.". Both the Belgian and the market conditions. The gold price is at critical levels for South Africa's mining industry which suffers higher operating costs due to the depths of its mines. Average cash costs per ounce in

South Africa are \$293. After

including debt and over-

heads, total costs in South Af-

rica are \$334 per ounce and £358 in Australia. Andy Smith, mining analyst at UBS Securities, the broker, said the Australian central bank sales were "the straw that broke the camel's

Dutch central banks have sold gold and a recent US Fed discussion paper turned negafive on the metal but few expected Australia, a hig producer, to turn against it.

The flight from gold has occurred as central banks reconsider it as a store of value against government securi-ties, such as US Treasury bills. Gold has been losing value steadily and the yield on gold loans is lower than the rate of general price inflation.

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Chancellor of the Exchequer, 1672. Budget: long forgotten.

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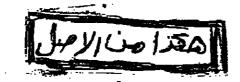
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Pru takeover costs 100 ScotAm jobs

By Marianne Curphey, insurance correspondent

THE close-knit financial services community in Scotland faces more job losses after Prudential said it was relocating Scotlish Amicable's fund management arm to London.

About 100 of the Glasgow division's 125 staff will be made redundant while 17 staff are moving to Britannia Investment Managers (BIM), which is buying Scottish Amicable's £800 million worth of institutional funds.

These staff include Douglas Ferrans, chief executive of Scottish Amicable Investment Management (Saim), who will become BIM's marketing director. Scotland has been particularly badly hit by job losses in the life and general insurance industry. Last year. Scottish Widows announced it was cutting 800 jobs from its Ediphyrich beautiful.

Edinburgh headquarters.
Prudential officially becomes the owner of Scottish
Amicable, which is based in
Stirling, in September, after a
three-way bid battle earlier

this year for the Scottish mutual. The formal transfer of the management of Scottish Amicable's £15 billion investments to Prudential Portfolio Managers (PPM) is due to take effect on September 30.

The transfer was announced by Prudential, which said it was "discussing work opportunities in London" with some staff. Roy Nicolson. Scottish Amicable's managing director, said: "Prudential have got offices in Scotland and it may be that some of our people would want to work there."

The jobs of those being made redundant are guaranteed to the year end. Prudential said that after a review of Scottish Amicable's investment business it had decided to manage policyholders' funds within PPM. Mr Nicolson said: "I regret Scottish Amicable's fund management operation could not be retained in Glasgow. However, it was not economic to do so and not in policyholders' interests."



James Millar's WEW yesterday forecast that its tills will ring up a loss of at least £4 million

WEW issues third warning

WEW, the struggling discount clothing retailer, yesterday put a "For Sale" sign on the business as it issued its third profit warning this year (Sarah Cunningham writes).

The Glasgow-based company predicted a loss of at least E4 million for the year to the end of this month. This is double the level forecast in its last warning. in late May. WEW also revealed plans to close eight stores by the end of

August. This will lead to a £2.8 million provision on top of the pre-tax loss.

WEW has asked Coopers &

Lybrand Corporate Finance to assess options for the business. The company said it is considering seeking offers for it.

The loss of more than £4 million for the financial year to July 31 is subject to finalisa-

tion of year-end stock provi-

sions. The company will be

able to set net profits of just

posals against the loss.
It is unclear what WEW intends for its project to turn its loss-making What Everyone Wants stores into a more successful format, The Store, devised by James Millar, chairman, and Richard Boland, chief executive, who took over at the former Amber

£400,000 from property dis-

Day Holdings in 1995.
The shares, 29 p last November, slid 212p to 7p.

FirstBus agrees £7.2m bid

By Fraser Nelson

FIRSTBUS, Britain's largest bus operator, has agreed a £7.2 million bid for the Southampton Citybus service in a deal set to yield a £17,000 windfall for the drivers, mechanics and administration staff who supported the buyout.

Who supported the buyout.
Citybus, bought by its employees for £400,000 four years ago, will become First-Bus' 28th subsidiary. Its three-man buyout team were restricted to the same £1,200 investment cap and will be sharing the 14-fold return.

Ian Phillips, managing director, said neither the management or the employees imagined selling out in such a short time.

The FirstBus offer has still

The FirstBus offer has still to be approved by the employees, who own more than 99 per cent of the company. It it goes through, FirstBus will lift its market share to 21 per cent, with Cowie coming second at 18 per cent and Stagecoach a close third with 17½ per cent. Citybus last returned profits

Citybus last returned profits of £700,000 on sales of £11.7 million. FirstBus is also offering a £1.6 million special dividend and has agreed to take on £3.9 million of debt, making the total £11.1 million.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Judge to take a second look at pensions case

A HIGH COURT judge who ruled last month that National Power acted lawfully in taking about £250 million from its pension fund surplus has agreed to hear a submission from pensioners' lawyers that he made an error in his judgment. Mr Justice Robert Walker had ruled that the use of a proportion of pension fund surpluses to help finance redundancies and early retirements in the

privatised power companies was legal.

The industry had faced repaying more than £1 billion if National Power lost. However, the pensioners argue that there was a fundamental flaw in the decision. Their new claim could cost National Power more than £100 million.

Schroders leads deals

BRITISH merchant banks led the way in a record six months to June for mergers and acquisitions, according to Acquisitions Monthly, the magazine. Deals reached a record £22.3 billion, beating the previous record of £21 billion in the first half of 1989. Schroders, the independent bank, led the way, advising on 17 transactions worth £5.81 billion, pushing fNG Barings, last year's leader, into second place. US banks took six out of the top 20 places.

Vodafone to cut staff

VODAFONE, the mobile phone company that is losing market share to its smaller rivals, yesterday unveiled a corporate overhaul that will eliminate 300 jobs by the end of next year. Vodafone's six service providers will be reorganised into three businesses. The changes are expected to cost the company about £20 million this year but should lead to a £10 million improvement next year and £35 million a year later.

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KLM buys Air UK

KLM, the Dutch airline group, has taken full control of Air UK, the Stansted airline. KLM has bought the 55 per cent of Air UK that it did not already own from British Air Transport Holdings for an undisclosed sum. The deal requires European Commission approval. Air UK will remain an independent airline, with no changes to its board of directors. Routes are expected to remain unchanged. Air UK operates flights to Amsterdam from 14 British airports.

Law firms chase merger

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THREE law firms are fighting to link up with Edge & Ellison, a Birmingham practice. Pinsent Curtis, also based in Birmingham, has been holding discussions with Edge & Ellison. At the same time, Nigel Knowles, managing partner of Dibb Lupton Alsop, currently ranked seventh, is seeking discussions with Digby Jones, senior partner of Edge & Ellison. Hammond Suddards, the Leeds firm, is also said to be in the running.

Bos grows in Wales

BOS Automative Products, the German-owned car parts manufacturer, is to carry out a £10 million expansion of its Wrexham plant, creating almost 100 jobs. The automotive industry in Wales already employs more than 15,000 people in 62 plants. More than half of those factories are overseas owned. Ron Davies, the Welsh Secretary, said competition for inward investment is becoming much stronger. Bos is one of 35 German companies with sites in Wales.

Cleveland acquisition

CLEVELAND TRUST, the property company, has acquired the outstanding 25 per cent of Port of Boston (1992) from John Sutcliffe & Sons, a private company controlled by James Sutcliffe, a director of Port of Boston, in return for 400,000 shares in Cleveland. Cleveland was yesterday unchanged at 107p a share. Mr Sutcliffe has been invited to join the board of Cleveland. He has been a director of Port of Boston since 1990, when he led a management buyout.

AG Barr profits surge

SHARES in AG Barr, the Irn-Bru and Tizer soft drinks maker, fizzed 23p higher to 413p yesterday as the company unveiled a sharp uplift in interim pre-tax profits from £1.02 million to £3.78 million. However, current trading was only marginally ahead year-on-year. The interim dividend, payable on 8 August, is doubled to 4.0p reflecting the rise in earnings per share (from 3.82p to 13.30p) and the decision to move to a January year-end.

Colloids chief's payoff

BRIAN FISHER, former operations director of Allied Colloids, received a £250,000 golden goodbye from the chemicals group after agreeing to retire early, at 57. After cashing in share options, he took home a total of £442,000 for working the first six months of the year to March 31, against a 1995-96 pay package of £138,000. Gordon Senior, who retired as finance director, had £113,000 loss-oloffice compensation and total pay of £184,000 for seven months' work.

Fake letters cheat banks out of £1.9m

By Adam Jones

SEVERAL high street banks have been swindled out of £1.9 million by a gang who forged company account transfer documents.

Only a recurring spelling

Only a recurring spelling mistake, the writing of "Yours sincerly" in the fake authorisation letters, alerted police to the scale of the fraud. The fraudsters targeted banks across the country, transferring cash between accounts using the Clearing House Automated Payment System. They posed as customers to get a company's bank details, and then forged directors' signatures and letterheads from Companies House information. The approach worked 33 times in 131

artempts between December 1995 and May 1996.

The targeted clearing banks, including Lloyds, NatWest and Barclays, have been able to recover only about £20,000; the Serious Fraud Office said yesterday.

Five Birmingham men have admitted conspiracy and will be sentenced later this month.

Another eight people are due to be sentenced for deception.

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BUSINESS JUST GOT AN EDGE.



BUSINESS HOUNDUP dige to take a secon ok at pensions can T s nothing sacred? Over the past two years, even pure solid gold has been about as good an investment as one of Gerald Ratner's notorious earring equivalents of a Marks. & Spencer prawn sandwich. Yesterday, the noble metal dropped to its lowest level in real terms

since America stopped converting dollars into gold at \$35 an ounce a generation ago and took the lid off the price.

Economic levellers, growthmongers and monetary atheists will be delighted. Their long campaign to dethrone the tra-ditional and most reliable store chroders leads del > of value the world has ever known is at last beginning to take off. In the cloistered and comfortable culture of western central banking, gold has become as politically incorrect as

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dwarf-throwing or cigarettes. This trend has now become self-sustaining. The latest price fall stemmed from Australia's central bank revealing that it had sold 167 tonnes of its 247 tonne gold reserves. gold reserves over the past six months. You might think that the market's ability to absorb about £1.4 billion of official sales over a relatively short period was a sign

of strength.

Depressed traders merely reasoned that if Australia, a serious gold producer, could cast aside the metal's monetary charms, more were sure to follow. The Netherlands has already done so. Switzerland has given its central bank greater freedom of

Bankers put gold out of fashion

of gold in the world.

If the German Government is

to realise Bundesbank gold profits, albeit fooling no one that this satisfies Maastricht tests, the end may be nigh. Below about \$300 an ounce, which has been a floor for gold in the ups and downs of the past 17 years, the price would be in unknown territory.

No matter that the Germans would have had no profits to squabble about if the Bundes-bank had invested the same original amounts in pounds.
Over likely French protests, the euro would probably be a gold-free currency. It would be less formally solid than the Estonian transactions and the bashad by the kroon, which is backed by the

Baltic state's impressive reserves of standing timber.

In the rich world, gold is losing its monetary role because central bankers believe they have cracked inflation. Paper money can then earn interest, gold does not. In 1979-80, when world inflation was remount and inflation was rampant and scarcely any currency could be trusted, speculators temporarily drove gold to nearly \$700 a ounce. That bubble cost gold its reputation for stability.

Whatever damage the central bankers inflict, gold will retain

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its status as a portable store of value throughout the politically and economically unstable parts of the world. Gold is beautiful as well as precious. Private jewellery demand can only accelerate with rising incomes per head in South Asia and the Orient. But turning gold round could take time. Central banks still have a lot. Only large-scale closures of marginal goldmines, especially in suffering South Africa, may turn the price tide.

High noon for ballooning shares

reg Hutchings believes that virtually everything worth having in the stock market is overvalued—except, of course, for a certain industrial group that languishes beneath the unprepossessing name of

Hutchings is no ordinary in-vestor but it is hard to quibble

were looking as inflated as a hot air balloon before the Budget but, even allowing for yesterday's minor adjustment, the reaction to Gordon Brown's efforts has been to send the Footsie almost 60 points higher. The helium supply cannot last. The only question is when the participants in this version of the balloon game will start hurling

The decision to do away with the dividend tax credit should alone have been enough to take a slice off share prices since it instantly cuts the value of equities: knocking 20 per cent off the yield to a major customer, in this case the pension funds, might normally be expected to bring down the price fairly dramatically.

stock out of the basket.

Yesterday brought more evi-dence of why investors should be wary, with figures showing growth in manufacturing output skidding to a halt. Even allowing

with his conclusion. Share prices for the adjustments that these statistics generally undergo, the gloomy tenor of their message will remain. It is that the boom in the economy is more of a fragile boomlet, certainly not enough to logically power a stock market to these heady levels.

The power of the pound is not the villain behind the manufac-turing slowdown, for the domes-tic market has suffered in line with exports. The imminent rise in interest rates, albeit now more likely to be just a quarter point instead of a half, will hardly enhance the outlook for industry.

While much of the recent excitement in the market has been more about betting on the banks than seriously backing corporate Britain, strip out the takeover hopes and many financiai stocks look as overpriced as

their manufacturing clients.
Privately, those who make their money in the City admit to wonderment at the stock market's behaviour. But when will its

gravity-defying performance come to an end? It cannot be long, can it, before reality dawns and prices adjust to a more sensible reflection of underlying values? That was what Tony Dye thought when he took his PDFM funds out of the market last year. His subsequent discomfort has hardly encouraged his compet-itors to follow his line.

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What a difference a brand makes

he mobile phone com-panies have turned to the fashion world for a lesson in basic business. The most successful fashion houses -Versace, Gucci and Armani, among them - invest extraor-dinary amounts of money into their image. Branding is important because it helps to set them apart in an industry that sells broadly similar products. In practical terms, it allows them to promote themselves without the need to reduce prices.

The Hong Kong owners of the Rabbit, the mobile-phone company that disappeared down a hole in the early 1990s, decided to make branding the centrepiece of their return to the market with

Orange. In the three years since it began trading, Orange has de-veloped a powerful brand, one that has captured the imagination of what was once called the Yuppie market. Its digital service is no better or worse than its rivals', but the name is more familiar than Celinet and Vodasone, which have no image to speak of. Orange is so pleased with its brand that it plans to export it to Continental Europe. In the UK, Orange has captured a phenomenal 40 per cent of all new digital connections in a market whose

growth is slowing.

Vodasone is now getting into the game. All of its businesses, including 300 high street retail outlets, will trade under the Vodasone name and more than £35 million has been set aside for advertising and sponsorhip efforts. Will it work? Perhaps, but Vodafone has a lot of catching up

Not wanted

AT least the chaps at WEW had the good sense to opt for initials instead of continuing to claim that their downmarket shops were What Everyone Wants. Yesterday's latest warning, this time of a £4 million loss, spells out that this is the business almost no one wants. Unless, perhaps, the colourful couple who used to run it still harbour an emotional attachment. Might Gerald and Vera Weisfeld be preparing to come to the rescue?

L&B falls

to lowest

price for

six year

By Fraser Nelson SHARES of Low & Bonar suffered their sharpest oneday fall in almost two years yesterday as the paper, plas-

tics and packing company warned that the soaring

pound was eroding its compet-

The shares dived 19p to a

six-year low of 26212p as the

company returned pre-tax profits of £21.3 million for the six months to May 31, a

decline of 23 per cent. The strength of sterling wiped £3

million from the figures.

Jim Heilig, chief executive.

warned that the "very compet-

itive trading environment was likely to continue.

Analysts, who were looking for profits of £54 million by the

year end, downgraded fore-casts to £47 million — which

would be a 10 per cent decline

Mr Heilig said that group

sales had increased by 9 per

further losses by shifting the

weight of the company to-

wards higher-margin areas of

Although earnings fell to

15.1p a share (18.4p), the inter-

im dividend rises to 4.25p (4p).

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Chrysler wants to buy Mini and Metro from BMW

CHRYSLER, the US car group, is trying to buy Rover's small cars division, including the Mini and Metro, from BMW, the German owner since 1994. Executives from Chrysler have inspected Rover produc-

tion facilities with the consent of Rover. Chrysler technicians are working on plans to inte-grate Rover models into the Chrysler product range, according to Chrysler insiders. A Rover spokesman con-

delivery company, has

E20 million through a

London stock market flota-

tion because of a lack of

investor interest (Paul

The Cambridgeshire com-pany will now shelve its £14

million acquisition of Clon-

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firmed Chrysler's interest but

said the advances were not welcomed. A Chrysler spokes-man said: "At this moment there are no discussions in this respect."

John Lawson, motor analyst at Salomon Brothers, said: "The deal would not be a bad idea. The two companies are clearly working together. The thought has to be that Rover. wants to reduce costs by trimming the areas that lose mon-

Ethical flotation sinks under investor apathy ETHICAL HOLDINGS, cals group it has appointed

abandoned plans to raise shareholder value - which Chrysler's only European could lead to the sale of Ethical to a trade buyer. plant is in Austria, set up with substantial subsidies from the Ethical's problems follow the recent postponement of the flotation of Akhter, a computer networks company. Preparing for the flo-Austria if the British Governtation cost Ethical more than £1 million. last November.

ey." The sale of the division to Chrysler could result in hundreds of job losses in the UK. Rover currently employs more than 30,000 workers in the production of small cars, luxury cars and off-road vehicles. Recent discussions between

the two groups have been led by Bernd Pischetsrieder, the BMW chairman, and Bob Eaton, the Chrysler chairman. Detailed negotiations about co-operation have been held between Wolfgang Reitzle, of Rover, and Bob Lutz, of Chrysler. Mr Lutz knows Mr Reitzle from his previous employ-ment at BMW.

The two groups agreed a \$500 million joint venture in South America last year. Analysts said the integration of Rover's small cars into Chrysler would be helped by existing co-operation agreements.

Austrian Government. Rover's new Midlands plant and rope maker. ment had not given Rover £50 million inward investment aid



Leading a horse to water: Christo Philipson, left, chairman of the British Bloodstock Agency, and Colin Bothway, managing director, reported a near doubling in profits to £302,000 in the year to March 31. The total dividend is 2p. up from 1.5p, out of earnings of 5.8p a share (1.9p). Mr Philipson predicted "gradual strengthening of confidence"

FKI makes agreed bid for Bridon

FKI, the engineering group that failed in its attempt to buy Newman Tonks earlier this vear, is making a £131 million agreed bid for Bridon, the wire

The deal prices Bridon shares at 175p, a 65 per cent premium to the price prior to the announcement last month that the pair were in talks. It is expected to be earnings enhancing in the first full year of ownership. FKI said about 5300 million of Bridon's £362 distant markets such as New Zealand. Bridon employs 3,500 and stand down on completion and possible future roles for the four executive directors million turnover last year was from activities that fitted close-

ly with its own. Bob Beeston, FKI chief executive, said the company expected to achieve substantial pricing benefits and discounts The deal will also give FKI greater access to some European countries such as Italy

and Germany, as well as more

million last year. FKI announced yesterday that it has bought 22.33 million shares. equivalent to 29.9 per cent of issued ordinary share capital. Gearing at FKI will rise to 114 per cent as it takes on £40

million of debt. FKI said the chairman and

Bill Hobbs, Bridon chief operating officer, bought 100,000 shares at 99p on May 29 and James Newman, finance director, bought 8,000. Shares in FKI fell from

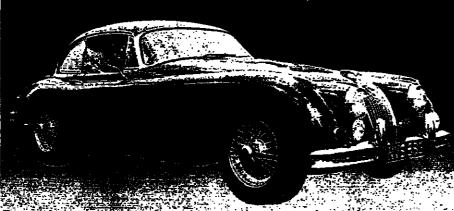
1602p to 1572p. Bridon rose from 137½p to 171½p.

It is due October 6.

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Budgens targets forecourt

BUDGENS, the supermarkets and convenience store group, is to introduce its petrol station format next year, opening up to 45 branches on Q8 forecourts (Sarah Cunningham writes). From January, one new store of between 1,000 and 2,000 sq ft will be opened each week, mainly in the Budgens' heartland, in the South East of England. Further openings

are planned for 1999. Budgens has six co-branded stores on Kuwait Petroleum forecourts and five on BP sites. The company opened seven high street stores last year and plans a further ten this year and to refurbish 14 others.

Budgens reported a 19.7 per cent rise in pre-tax profit to £9.1 million in the year to April 27. Earnings per share were 4.3p (3.7p). A final dividend of lp will be paid on October 3. making a total of 1.4p (1.25p). Capital expenditure this year will be £18 million-£20 million.

Slough cuts £49m award to £29.75m

SLOUGH ESTATES has agreed to a reduction in its £49 million damages award against Welwyn Hatfield District Council in order to avoid a controversial sale of council housing to finance the damages bill (Carl Mortished writes).

The property developer is accepting an offer of £29.75 million following a High Court judgment that the council was guilty of fraudulent misrepresentation in inducing the property company to build its Howard Centre in Welwyn Garden City when it was permitting a competing retail development, the Galleria Shopping Centre in

The council was considering a sale of a portion of its 11,200 council homes to fi-nance a settlement, but such a route would have required a majority vote from three quarters of the tenants whose properties were involved.

Big rise for directors as Just's profits slip

Group, an AIM-listed cartoon licensing company, awarded themselves an average 98 per cent pay rise last year in spite of leading the company through a 32 per cent decline in profits (Fraser Nelson writes). Wilf Shorrocks, Paula Hayes and Paul Rivers, the three executive directors who

already own a holding worth £1.24 million, took home a total of £247,000 for 1996. The company, which handles licensing for Mr Cad-

THREE directors of Just Jelly Babies, made £213,000 before tax, against £311,000 in the year before flotation.

Mr Shorrocks, founder and chairman, had a 61 per cent pay rise to £95,100. Ms Hayes saw her pay double to £75,400 and Mr Rivers, who has since reigned as finance director, saw his pay leap 130 per cent to £73,200. The 14 non-board staff had a 10 per cent rise.

Since the year end, the three directors have exercised all of of £210,000, of which Mr bury's Parrot and Bassett's Shorrocks enjoyed £144,000.

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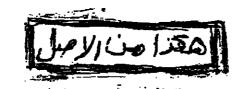
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£5,000+	4.32	4.40
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£100,000+	4.65	4.70
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Up to £25,000	4.13	4.20
£25,000+	4.61	4.70
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Up to £2,000	1.00	1.00
£2,000+	1.74	1.75
£10.000+	3.69	3.75

Gross: The rate before the deduction of tax. CAR: Compound Annual Rate, or the true Gross return taking into account the frequency of interest payments All rates quoted are per annum

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MICHAEL CLARK

Sweet taste of Cadbury attracts US investors

quired a taste for shares of Cadbury Schweppes. The confectionery and soft drinks group touched 5712p before

settling 17p higher at 56312p. US buyers have been piling into the London market, encouraged by a strong pound. Cadbury has been one of their prime targets and they have succeeded in leaving marketmakers short of stock

One rumour doing the rounds suggests a bid from Unilever, which is sitting on war chest of more than £4 hillion since selling its speciality chemicals business to ICI.

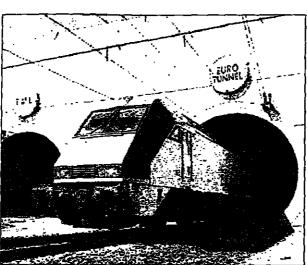
Share prices generally clawed back early losses to end the session virtually unchanged on the day. Any worries about a further rise in interest rates later this week were shrugged aside as the market responded positively to an opening rise on Wall Street. The FTSE 100 index. down 36.4 at one stage, eventually rallied to close just 21 off at 4.810.7. The FTSE 250 fell 26.1 to 4,426.9.

Shareholders in the Woolwich were last night celebrating a minimum windfall of more than \$1.500 after it made its debut as a public company. The shares started life at 36750 - much higher than initial estimates of 320p. After touching 373½ p. the price settled at 334p, a fall on the day of 33½ p as 24.6 million shares changed hands. But as the first of four auctions got under way last night, institutional investors were revising their bids sharply higher. The Woolwich becomes a constituent of the top 100 companies in September.

GEC retreated 25p to 37712 p ahead of full-year ligures later today that are expected to be accompanied by details of a sizeable acquisi-British Aerospace. which is seen as a potential merger partner, was 32½ p dearer at £13.45.

Bridon surged 34p to 1715 p bid from FKI, which already owns almost 30 per cent of the equity. The terms of 175p a share value the wire ropemaker at £131 million. FKI finished 3p lower at 1572p.

The continuing weakness of struction markets has promptbroker, to cut its profits numbers for Redland, down 155p at 301p. For the current year it has cut its forecast from £255



Eurotunnel shares stood out with a rise of 62p to 812p

million to £235 million, and for next year by £25 million to

£365 million.. The move by Torakins to spend £100 million buying back its own shares during the next three months was well received and the price rallied 1412 p to 27812 p, compared with a 256p low for the year. The group announced a 34 per cent

leap in pre-tax profits. Eurotunnel stood out with a rise of o'2p to \$12p ahead of next week's extraordinary general meeting. It now seems likely that the group will get the go ahead from shareholders to proceed with its debt restucturing plans.

Shares of Colleagues Group raced up 11p to 80p before it confirmed that it was in talks which could lead to a bid for the company. But any offer is likely to fall below the

PLAYING FOOTSIE WITH THE FTSE 350 life FTSE all-share

THE life assurance companies were hard hit by profit-taking after their recent strong gains. There were losses for Norwich Union, the newcomer. 6p 13 million shares, along with Prudential Corporation, Ip to 623p, London & Manchester, 10p to 419p. Britannic 812p to 836p. Legal & General, 3p to 436p

and United Assurance, lp to 4461 ap. This has led to suggestions that the sector may have seen the best of the gains for the time being.

But David Hudson, at

Credit Lyonnais Laing, disagrees: "It's going to be good for at least the next few months. On fundamentals the sector is not good value for money. The instiand they want it.

The proposed merger between Sun Life and Equity & Law will create another FTSE 100 stock, along with the Norwich Union, and on top of Legal & General and Prudential.

"The institutions just cannot get their weightings up. There is too much demand chasing too little stock," added Mr Hudson.

115p the shares were floated at back in 1995.

The strength of sterling appears to be making life difficult for Eurotherm International which saw it shares fall a further 20p to a threeyear low of 320p. Powell Duffryn is another casualty of the strong pound with the shares losing 162p at 420p. Low & Bonar also dropped 19p to 2622p with the pound costing it £3 million last year as profits dropped from £26.2 million to £21.3 million.

Wickes, the troubled DIY retailer, rose 4p to 1734 p. It was responding to the news that the group has returned to the black in this country and enjoyed a modest improvement in margins.

Its third profit warning since April, left WEW Group 2½p lower at a low of 7p. The retailer now expects to make a trading loss of 54 million for

the year to July 31.

AIM-listed Barbicau Healthcare rose from a low of 25p to end the day 5p higher at 30p. Stuart Bruck, chief executive, has bought 29,000 shares for 22p taking his total holding to 54,000 shares (less than I per cent). Elsewhere on the AlM.

Bakery Services established a useful premium in first time dealings. Placed at 3p by Ellis & Partners, the broker, the price ended the session at 34 p. 🗖 GILT-EDGED: The London bond market was outperformed by most of it European rivals as prices spent much of the session treading water after last week's volatility. All eyes are now locused on this week's meeting of the Bank of England's independent monetary policy committee which may signal another rise in interest rates. The bank was able

week's tap Index-Linked 212 In the futures pit. the September series of the long gilt rose £116 to £1141316 as 56,000 In longs, Treasury 8 per cent

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2015 was unchanged at £1101316. while among shorter-dated issues Treasury S per cent 2000 was down a tick at £1021732. □ NEW YORK: Shares ex-

tended their gains on Monday, with momentum from last week's powerful rally carrying the Dow Jones industrial average closer to 8,000. At midday it was 25.56 points up

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Turn up for Tomkins books

to see its material handling

business grow last year prof-

its were up but revenues

were flat. A great part of the logic of the Bridon deal is

Certex, Bridon's distribution

business, which has outlets

in Europe that FKI covets

but more importantly, Certex

TOMKINS proudly declared that its bid for Stant Corp. the US windscreen wiper company, "totally vindicated" its decision to hoard cash. But only three months later, the company has turned on its heel with plans for a buyback of shares. The £100 million it may spend over the next three months will have less of an impact than the U-turn itself. Yesterday Tomkins's shares rose 142p to 2785 p. adding £170 million to its market capitalisation.

The City likes the U-turn but Greg Hutchings's conversion to orthodoxy in the management of the balance sheet is less than whole-hearted. The Tomkins chairman cites the high price of acquisition targets in the continuing bull market as the reason for change, but this is not a new phenomenon. The Tomkins cash pile - it still has £185

million in the bank having just spent £372 million on Stant — will act as a drag on earnings. Still, one suspects Mr Hutchings is right to predict that concern about gearing, now deeply unfashionable, will return with a vengeance during the next downturn.

Gearing up the balance sheet will improve Tomkins's standing in the City but the question is whether it goes far enough. The group's operational performance remains robust thanks to a first-time contribution from Gates. Meanwhile, signs that Tomkins will sell off fringe businesses make sense. On most measures, the shares look good value.

But Tomkins has never convinced investors that baking bread and making lawnmowers. guns and car parts require the same skills. As a consequence, share buybacks may not spark the long overdue re-rating.

pense of sales.

FKI will probably do its

usual trick with Bridon, rais-

ing its pitiful margins with

price increases at the ex-

by a one-off boost from

cutting out a head office, but

this is not the growth story

Profits will increase, aided

FKI/Bridon

WIRE rope is not a product at the cutting edge of technol-ogy, so it is hardly surprising that Bridon earns a mere 3 per cent return on sales from its rope operations. Yet. FKI is proposing to pay 18 times forecast earnings for the company, news that sent the FKI price tumbling again.

The market did not want to hear about this takeover FKI is out of favour, in part because it is a cyclial engineering stock with dollar earnings. The combined effect of a strong pound and market prejudice has relegated FKI to the also-rans, but there are more particular concerns about this company from fund managers who have taken against acquisitive engineering companies. Organic growth

is the fashion. Unfortunately, FKI failed

IT LOOKS almost tempting.

than a decade. The shares are cheap, but the problem is they are going to stay cheap for some time to come. It is beset by two sterling and the overcapacity

Kellogs contract — worth £30 million a year — is up for

the market wants to hear and only sources £6 million from FKI but could sell over £20 the shares will accordingly. million of FKI equipment. IN NEED OF LIFTING EQUIPMENT

Low & Bonar

After yesterday's 7 per cent share price plunge, Low & Bonar stock is now at its lowest level for six years. It has taken a damaging currency hit, but L&B is still a solid business and ill deserves to sit at a 50 per cent discount to the market even as it heads towards its worst profit decline for more

of its core UK market.

Both factors are eating away at its margins, and although the company does have a good chance of increasing its sales figures, the gain in the top line will be wiped out by the lack of Secondly, its sacred

review. The company is confident of success, but the wait sounds another note of uncertainty and creates another

reason not to buy the shares. The shares are now on a forward earnings multiple of 8 times. This may seem unfair, but Low & Bonar is being punished for shocking an already jittery market. On a fundamental value alone, they are too cheap to sell but shareholders should wait until the pound begins to lose some of its froth before piling back in.

Newcastle Utd

ANYONE worried about the issue of control at Newcastle United cannot have been made any happier by the news that Mark Corbidge. the joint chief executive, is to resign from the Premiership March.

After all, the former corporate financier at NatWest Markets was brought in to bring management stability

as the plaything of Sir John

What has brought the issue to the boil has been the building of a new stadium at Castle Leazes. This is as unnopular among non-Toon fans in Newcastle as it is expensive - costing in the region of £70 million, which is easily twice what most experts in stadium building think is reasonable.

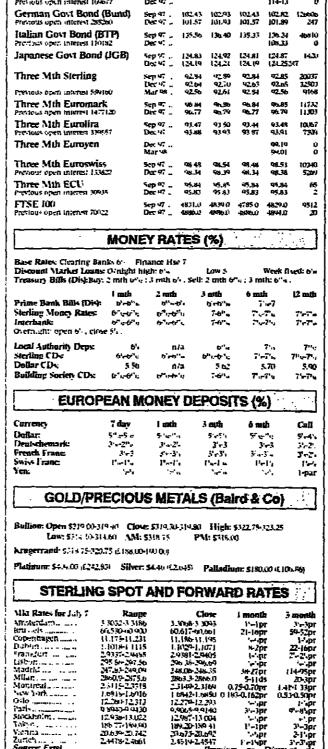
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Until Sir John is willing to relinquish this control. Newcastle United shares will remain without friends.

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Mirror chief reflects on image of growth

e is desperate to get into cable-television programming. He is dabbling in the ITV market. He is buying regional newspapers and is open to the idea of selling national ones and even starting new ones. He has considered a merger with rival media groups. Is there any bit of the industry that does

not appeal to David Montgomery?

The chief executive of the Mirror Group has been sending out confusing signals at a furious pace. A month ago, he made it known that he wanted to become a key player in the cable programming market. A few weeks later, he launched a £297 million bid for Midland

Independent Newspapers.

Meanwhile, speculation has been mounting that he might self the Mirror's interest in Scottish Media, the ITV and newspaper group, or its stake in the Independent and its Sunday sister, possibly to the reclusive Barday brothers. At the same time, he and Michael Bloomberg, the harddriving owner of the Bloomberg financial information empire, are thought to be considering an assault on the mighty Wall Street Journal and the Financial Times with a

financial paper of their own.

The City does not know what to make of

Eric Reguly finds David Montgomery thwarted

by a lack of options for his publishing group

Montgomery any more. Depending on who you talk to, he is either bored, power-crazy, desperate or a combination of all three. The reality is somewhat less tantalising. What is true is that Montgomery, having restored the Mirror Group to sound health, is trying to find a way to

underwrite its next stage of growth. Mongonery is aware that he needs more deals. Christian Purslow, a media banker at Salomon Brothers, said: There is really nowhere to go with the Mirror. He is experimenting along the edges and he needs one of those experiments to turn into something big."

But Mirror Group is relatively small — its

market capitalisation is about £800 million, or half the value of the Daily Mail and General Trust - and it is largely a one-business, onemarket operation. Montgomery, an Ulsterman who had been editor of the News of the World, arrived at the Mirror Group a few months after the death, in late 1991, of Robert Maxwell, who

drained the Mirror Group and its pension fund of hundreds of millions of pounds. At the time. the shares had dipped below 60p.

Montgomery swung into action. The company was refinanced and its pensions made secure. It moved into new headquarters and survived the newspaper price war. The revitalised group picked up a 20 per cent stake in Scottish Television, now Scottish Media, bought 46 per cent of The Independent and launched Live TV.

Montgomery implemented his "collegiate" approach to newspaper production in which backoffice, buying and printing fuctions were combined. Staff at The Independent have felt the brunt of this, finding that multiskilling means one person doing the job of four as circulation remains in the doldrums. Mirror Group's profits and share price soared and Montgomery earned the respect of the City. Last year, the shares reached 240p, a four-fold rise under his reign. though they have since underperformed the mar-

ket. Perein lies the problem. The Mirror Group is missing an engine of growth. But it is not for lack of trying. In the wake of the £2.9 billion marger of MAI, the third-largest ITV group, and United News & Media, owner of The Express newscaper, Mirror Group briefly considered leaping into bed with Carlton Communications. Although Montgomery seems to have ahan-doned his ITV pursuit, he has not given up on The He is a great believer in the potential for mable-TV and is shopping the "Programme Company concept around fown. Programme Co

would provide cable channels and market them under a single brand. Cable & Wireless Communications, the largest cable company, has been approached with the idea, but is not convinced that Mirror, with no programming other than Live TV, brings enough to the table. Montgomery nunetheless is in full pursuit of the idea.

While the City admires Montgomery's efforts, they are not convinced that he will find a new market for the Mirror Group. Some bankers think he will eventually become exasperated and self the company. Montgomery said he likes running a public company, but given the management boy he is in, no one woud be surprises if he considers a management buyout.

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Scottish Widows is the sec-

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However, some believe it

NPI and National Mutual.

NPI in particular has become

the focus of much bid specula-

tion. It has about 500,000

policyholders and £9 billion

assets. One of the companies

most hotly tipped to take over NPI is AMP, the Australian

insurer, that already owns London Life and Pearl in this

country. AMP yesterday de-

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been tipped as a takeover tar-

get. Friends Provident could be deemed to be vulnerable

because its market share has

fallen over recent years. It may

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Quest for way to pay for retirement

John Grieve Smith looks at the

challenges of pension reform

The appointment of Frank Field to mastermind the Government's review of welfare provisions promises major new initiatives on pensions. The two key issues are the level and coverage of the basic state pension; and how to ensure that as many people as possible have a second pension that enables them to mantain their stan-

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dard of living in retirement. In each case, the objective must be to relate pensions to levels of pay at the time of retirement and index them against inflation thereafter -- as with most white-collar occupational schemes. The formula of linking the basic state pension to prices instead of earnings cannot be maintained indefinitely without whittling away the pension as a proportion of average earnings to intolerable levels. A possible solution would be to make an individual's basic pension a fixed proportion of average national earnings at the time of his retirement, but then to

index it to prices thereafter. The most complex ques tions arise over second pensions, hit in the Budget by abolition of tax credits. Should membership of such schemes be compulsory for everyone above a certain income? The people best catered for at present are those in big occupational schemes, particularly fully indexed public sector ones.

Labour's election manifesto echoed many themes in Frank Field's book How To Pay For The Future, but whereas he proposed eventual abolition of the state earnings related pension scheme (Serps), the manifesto was more guarded. For those likely to change jobs frequently, a state scheme may be cheapest and most efficient. Labour is, however, committed to creating a new framework of "stakeholder pensions", which might involve new mutual institutions along the lines contributions from both employer and employee and

over target. National Mutual has about £3 billion of assets. appropriate tax concessions. The crucial question for Dunbar and Eagle Star, has individuals is how far in also indicated that it is interadvance they effectively know what pension they can ested in making another purchase, and has been mentionrely on. In final salary ed as a potential purchaser of schemes, this is clear cut. The employer bears the uncarpetbaggers in this mutual certainty and tops up the organisation would have to scheme - or reduces contributions — as actuarial valu-

ations demand. In state

schemes, the uncertainty is whether future governments change the rules. This is an argument for seeking political consensus on pensions or putting them in the hands of a non-political corporation. In money purchase schemes, a contributor knows what he has invested. but not what it will bring in.

Two popular, but misleading, arguments for relying on the private sector are that such schemes are "funded", rather than "pay-as-you-go". and that they will ease bud-getary pressures. For the economy as a whole, funding is an illusion: at that level, all pensions are payas-you-go, in that pensionof current output at the expense of other users, in partcular the consumption of those still at work. No previous accumulation of assets the State or pension funds can evade this. However, by making people willing to set aside more of their current income to secure their own future pension. new pension arrangements can free more resources for

today's pensioners. As for the effect of privatising pensions on the PSBR. it would be, for many years. to increase it, not reduce it. The State would have to contimue to meet existing entitlements under Serps, but people's second pension contributions would be diverted to private schemes.

e urgently need to devise better pen-sion arrangements, but the cost of doing so depends on the strength of demand for labour and the level of unemployment.

Although people are living

longer, they are also staying fitter and would like to work for longer, if the jobs were available. The "demograph-ic time bomb" is partly the disguised cost of heavier unemployment, which led to an increase in the proportion of men aged 50 to 64 classified from 7 per cent to 24 per cent between 1971 and 1991. If demand for labour were stronger, there would be far less early retirement, and many more people would work (either full- or parttime) well after present conventional retiring ages.

☐ John Grieve Smith is the author of Full Employment: Betrayed

Pain of change in

tax credit rule

From Mr W. M. White Sir, Anatole Kaletsky is too glib in suggesting that the abolition of tax credits for pension funds ought not to affect business costs ("Brown boxes clever but perils lie ahead", July 4). He may be right in theoretical terms that the method used by actuaries does not accurately reflect returns, but, in the real world, that is the way they are

currently valued. Consequently, a reduction in yield of 16.7 per cent (not 20 per cent) will result in an immediate reduction in funding levels of final salary schemes and an increase in cost for many employers. It will also mean that those in money purchase schemes have an additional uncertainty of whether, in the long run, returns will provide adequate retirement benefits.

It remains to be seen whether the market adjusts to compensate for this loss of income. Gordon Brown's action may lead to fundamental changes in the long term, but the long term is made up of shorter term adjustments, some of which may be very painful-Yours faithfully, W. M. WHITE, 10 Kilberry Close, Isleworth, Middlesex.,

Pru pays for Stratton

Prudential Corporation me misunderstands her role.

will not be paid from public funds. This is not a Government appointment. My company is happy to provide this support to Welfare to Work as part of its commitment to helping young people in this country. As the appointment has only just been made, it will be apparent that Cay Stratton has not been involved in "the final stages of drafting the jobs

with her wide and invaluable experience she will make a great contribution to the work of the Task Force. Yours faithfully. PETER DAVIS,

Sir, Your report (June 30) of Cay Stratton's involvement in the Welfare to Work program-

Cay Stratton has been ap-pointed by me to the Task Force which I head, and she

I am certain, however, that

TWO weeks since the surprise resig-

nation of Bill Cockburn, chief execu-

tive of WH Smith, and yesterday the

four non-executives and Jeremy Hardie, the chairman, met to discuss

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Spencer Smart, the headhunters, to

look elsewhere. Two factors suggest

that they might miss out on their fee.

hitters on the loose - once you have

ruled out Liam Strong, ex-Sears, hah.

hah. The other: "We've just had a

huge strategic review and got the

portfolio sorted out, and we have a

new managing director to run the

main chain, says one insider.

There's a lot to be said for someone

who doesn't have to come in and say.

One is the shortage of retail heavy-

Group Chief Executive, The Prudential Corporation, 142 Holborn Bars, ECL

Could the carpetbaggers' luck get carpetbagged?

Caroline Merrell says if demutualisation continues, bagger is what 1997 will be remembered for. A saver with an average amount in the Hali-

fax, Norwich Union, Alliance & Leicester and Woolwich could now have cash or shares. worth in total 68,000. If this is added to the £1,400 expected windfall from the Northern Rock, due to float later on this year, then the most fortuitous of carpetbaggers would now be looking at a total gain of nearly £10,000 — more than the average family's savings. The total amount of money

in the form of cash and shares that has been released into the economy so far from the flotations is about £29 billion - approximately a quarter of which has been converted into cash. A large part of this money will have gone to carpetbaggers - those who have opened accounts or taken out policies only in anticipation of receiving a windfall. Julie Snowdon, a mother of

two from Suffolk, has benefited from the flotations of the Halifax, Woolwich, and Norwich Union. She is also hoping for shares in the flotation of the Northern Rock. Her total windfall could be worth more than £12,000. She said: "We er, we have already bought a stereo system. We are also considering taking a family fioliday, and are hoping to improve our garden with the addition of some trees." She also spent some of the money on her daughter Florence's. christening party. She is not. however, planning to spend all her windfall money. She said: "We are going to save some." She is also going to increase her subscription to Oxfam. On the Woolwich flotation alone she made £4,000 in the form of shares she intends to keep.

The question for those who have not been lucky enough or dever enough to benefit from a windfall, is where they should put their money now. The mil-lions who have already reaped rewards from the four flotations may also be considering where they can now switch their cash.

Among the building societies most tipped to be taken over or float is the Nationwide,

now the UK's biggest society.

Inside track



Julie Snowdon received more than £4,000 in Woolwich shares yesterday

The Nationwide's cherished mutual status is currently under threat from a group of carpetbaggers endevouring to be elected to the board. If they succeed, the society will be forced to review its pro-mutual. stance. In anticipation of a possible defeat, Goldman Sachs, Nationwide's adviser, has given it a price tag of about E7 billion, making it a possible bid target for Abbey National, Lloyds or the Prudential. However, it is too late for carpetbaggers - two weeks ago Nationwide had to close its

doors to new savers as millions of pounds poured in from the newly floated Alliance & Leicester and the Halifax. Other societies that could be on a carpetbaggers hit list include the Chelsea, Birmingham Midshires, West Brom-

wich and Britannia. Many analysts believe the shake out and corporate activity in the building society sector will be mirrored in the life insurance sector, after the successful flotation of the Norwich Union and the takeover of Scottish Amicable by the

policyholders with shares in NU could put pressure on other mutuals where they have policies to follow the Norwich. The public offer for shares in NU was more than six times oversubscribed hardly a reflection of public

belief in mutuality. The big mutuals that could be under pressure from their policyholders to float include Standard Life and Scottish Widows. Standard Life, for instance, has more than £45 billion under management. It is a

most of whose responsibilities as

head of the UK equity division are handed over to Andrew Fleming.

Both men have been at the fund man-

ager for 13 years, Fleming becoming head of international equities two

years ago after six and a half years

running the Tokyo office. Now the

two sides are being merged, in order, it seems, to "deliver maximum benefit of the trends in business globalisa-

tion". Bishop will concentrate on

client relationships, certain pension

fund portfolios and asset allocation.

into a do-able job," saysBishop, who

refuses to comment on suggestions that he has been pushed aside. "The

fact is, I'm still here, and I have little

to add to the official announcement. I

have got a continuing commitment.

I'm not about to change it now. I get

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pinch; that's how they get rich.

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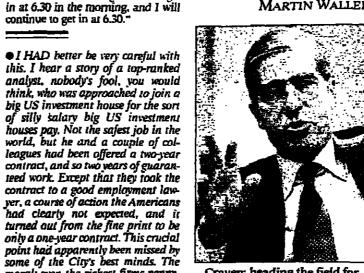
Fleming gets to run the show.

could end up paying for other carpetbaggers' windfalls.

Chase is on

IF A horde of a couple of hundred City types come charging towards you in Battersea Park tomorrow evening, step aside sharply. There are another 9,800 behind them. The Chase Corporate Challenge is the

More than 500 companies are taking part in the three and a half mile race, including a scattering of chairmen. Among the oldest must be Sir John Craven, no longer chairman of Deutsche Morgan Grenfell but heading the firm's 500-strong team at the age of 57, and Colin Parsons. The whippet-like chairman of Taylor Woodrow is an experienced runner.



Craven: heading the field for Deutsche Morgan Grenfell

biggest event of its kind and now into its 11th year.

He is 63.

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bumf n. usu. derog. papers, documents (often prec. by what's all this: I'm not signing clause 2, para 4, sub.2.4.6 of this, etc). for rapid transl.

affidavit n. 1 agreeable Welsh farmer 2 written statement produced in court which should be carefully drawn up.

paralegal n. 1 one who provides advice at great height (usu. 20,000 feet) 2 wordy legal document with many indented lines 3 a person trained in subsidiary legal matters.

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at least he had a Woolwich account" City fees, eclipsing even the El 1 bil-

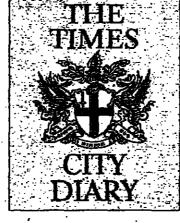
let's have a strategic review."
If it is an internal appointment, the favourite is Keith Hamill, finance director, ex-Forte, ex-Guinness. Richard Handover, head of news distri-bution, is probably too old; John Hancock, boss in the US, has been

there for years and probably doesn't want to come back. Fast coming.up on the rails is Alan Giles, highly ambitious managing director of the excellent Waterstone's chain and not someone, I hear, who always agreed with Cockburn. Perhaps a little too flash, though, for the City?

• TRY GROUP, an obscure contractor, cashed in on Wimbledon with a bullish trading statement and a reference to the new No I court which the company built. I like to think that I, too, contributed to this engineering wonder. The company used to give out my home, half a mile away, as the site phone number despite attempts to persuade them otherwise. For years I received incomprehensible messages on the answering machine. So if Brian is reading this, the fuel sump gauge is at the Fulham office, and your AF19 hasn't arrived. Ör something like that.

So far so good

REMEMBER those dire warnings that Labour would spell an end to takeovers? If current trends continue, "My first husband had his faults but ... 1997 could be another record year for



lion paid to bankers, brokers, lawyers, accountants and PR men last year. So claims Acquisitions Monthly, whose latest snapshot of mergers and acquisitions shows continued progress by non-UK owned houses but the pre-eminence of one of the few remaining Brits, Schroders.

Scroders topped the league with transactions in the first half of this year worth £5.81 billion - just ahead of Baring Brothers, Dresdner Kleinwort Benson and NatWest Markets, as you might have guessed, had a rotten time. Total fees earned by the City reached £600 million, and another £2 billion transaction, Amersham and Nycomed of Norway, has been sprung since the end of the half year. Oh Lord. how the money rolls in.

Bishop's move UPHEAVALS at Gartmore with the apparent eclipse of Michael Bishop.

teed work. Except that they took the contract to a good employment lawyer, a course of action the Americans had clearly not expected, and it turned out from the fine print to be only a one-year contract. This crucial point had apparently been missed by some of the City's best minds. The moral: even the richest firms pennync ilin; naw h pa n dri se lik erant handi om s red, ti at it is not i

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Small operators take heart from Budget

By Rodney Horson

BUSINESS as usual is the mood of managers should review the best owner managers and smaller companies as they digest the measures in last week's Budget. It is what Gordon Brown, the Chancellor, did not do as much as what he put into his new red anaché case.

Advisers believe the current climate for small businesses will encourage further investment and improve the benefits for owner managers of leaving money in the business. Maurice Parry-Wingfield of Deloine & Touche, the accountant. says: "It is good that the favourable climate not only remains largely undisturbed but is actually improved. In particular, Gordon Brown has left it relatively easy for proprietors to self out on refirement or pass their business on to their children without having to pay steep tax bills."

Another popular measure has been the two-point reduction in the rate of corporation tax and the accelerated allowance for capital expenditure. Businesses earning up to £30(1,000) in profits will save £6,000 while those earning more than £1.5 million will save £30,000. The improvement in capital allowances will benefit businesses with turnover up to \$11.2 million. A company spending \$100,000 on new plant could make an immediare saving of £8,000.

Business advisers say owner

way of paying themselves because dividends, bonuses and pension businesses. contributions all have different tax

Mike Warburton, senior tax partner at Grant Thornton, the business advisers, says: The tax cut is a real incentive for small and medium companies to retain profits, particularly when coupled with the higher tax allowances allowing them to write off investment in new plant and machinery more quickly. This will encourage growth and

Mr Parry-Wingfield believes that the promised review of capital



"You mean to say there can be a life without it?"

gains tax is more likely to produce good news than bad for small

Measures that were predicted but were not in the Budget included a tightening of the rules on inheritance tax and on company car perks and free fuel.

Mr Parry-Wingfield expects the Government to continue to be tough on tax avoidance and to produce some nasty surprises in the future. He says that doing sensible things in a tax-efficient manner is better than finding artificial ways of avoiding tax.

NatWest Bank is already looking towards the next Budget. It suggests that a 10p starting rate for income tax on the first £4,100 of taxable income would save sole traders, partnerships and their employees 17 per cent in income tax, and directors and employees of small limited companies II per cent. It calls for the VAT registration threshinold, currently turnover of \$48,000, to be

Peter Ibbetson, head of small business services, says: This would free many small businesses from extra paperwork and save them from losing out to smaller competitors who do not have to charge VAT on goods."

He would also like to see the administration of PAYE and NIC systems simplified.

Vet's 'miracle cure' wins award

THE most satisalactory small business idea is one that leaves rivals scratching their heads and asking: "Why did I not think of that?"

Few can be more remarkable than the notion that gained for Dr Eddie Logan one of the five export awards for smaller businesses from the Department of Trade and Industry last week. He makes orthopaedic shoes for cows. This remarkable invention has

seen sales double over the past three years and exports more than triple. Nearly three quarters of turnover now comes from overseas. Dr Logan is a vet who specialised in cows' feet. He also worked as a young man on his family farm in Northern Ireland, so he knew that distress to the animal and a fall in milk yields. Beef cattle tend not to be affected because they usually have tougher feet.

His shoes work because the cow has a cloven hoof. If one half of the hoof is injured, the shoe, made from recycled PVC, is slipped on to the good half, thus raising the damaged half clear of the ground. He set up his company, Giltspur, in 1991 with the aid of a

grant from Ledu, the Northern Ireland government body to pro-mote small businesses. He says: "I saw the downside of having lame cows but I did not appreciate that my shoe would have such a dramatic effect. After the foot and mouth outbreak in the late 1960s a lot of cattle were imported from



the US and Canada, but they had foot problems. A friend who owned a manufacturing company thought my idea of a shoe was a good one and offered to make them. I produced one in papier maché and his staff made 50. I put them on cows and they worked."

Another friend in Scotland was so impressed that he offered to market them and the manufacturing company advertised them. Dr Logan says: "I did not know that

the advert was going in the paper and we had orders before we had the shoes made. Farmers were ringing me up and we still had not got the adhesive worked out."

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Gary Slapper explains how a new kind of drink could lead users into a difficult legal area

very year desk sergeants record the details of tens of thousands of alcohol-related offences in such a serting, the recent profusion in the drinks market of alcopops and ready-mixed sweet cocktails can be seen as fuelling an

already significant problem. Last month a publican and his wife from Ormskirk in Lancashire were fined £7,820 and lost their licence after Graham Bailey, a boy they had served alcopop drinks. was hit by a train after leaving their pub very drunk. At the time of the decision by Ormskirk magistrates, yet an-other new alcoholic product apparently aimed at children a vodka and raspberry ice pop - was coming under in-

vestigation. The proliferation of alcopops is likely to increase alco-hol-related offending, both by people who know what they are drinking and by others who become involuntarily in-

It may be seen as alarming in this context that both voluntary and involuntary intoxica-tion are valid defences to many criminal charges.

Alcopops, which generated profits of more than £280 million last year, have an alcoholic content higher than that of most beers and lagers but with strong flavours like vanilla or lemonade it is quite possible to drink such a product without realising its true content___

In many types of crime, the prosecution has to prove that the defendant had a particular frame of mind, such as intention or recklessness. Where a defendant has the stipulated attitude, it is irrelevant whether or not he or she was drunk. He cannot be heard to say that. he would never have behaved as he did were he sober.

In one case, a man gave way to his paedophiliac inclina-tions only, he said, because someone had laced his drink with sedatives. The drink had been surreptitiously spiked by a business enemy specifically to help to procure sexual acts with a 15-year-old boy that were to be recorded and used defendant was convicted at Lewes Crown Court of indecent assault but his conviction was at first quashed by the Court of Appeal, which took the view that a man could-



A proliferation of alcopops is likely to increase alcohol-related problems (posed picture)

Alcopops over popcorn?

not be convicted where his otherwise-controlled desires were released through the secret administration of a disinhibiting substance "because

the operative fault is not his". The House of Lords restored the conviction and stated that when the defendant committed the indecent assault, though he would not have acted as he did were he sober. he did know what he was in a blackmail scheme. The : doing when he behaved sexually with the boy. The Lords adopted a dictum from another case that "a drunken intent is still an intent". Where however, through

involuntary intoxication, a

person does not have the required mental element for a crime, the prevailing view is that there should be an acquittal. Yet the courts have been

very cautious about the notion of involuntary intoxication. In one case a man charged with indecent assault argued that he had not known what he was doing. He admitted to having been drinking in a pub but claimed that wine he had-drank afterwards had contained more alcohol than he had realised. The Court of Appeal rejected this argument, ruling that where a person has been voluntarily drinking

even a little alcohol, he was not permitted to argue that intoxication was involuntary simply because he had underestimated the amount or strength of alcohol he was imbibing.

Where a defendant commits a crime while drunk, his intoxication will not afford him a defence if he has been charged with an offence for which the prosecution need prove only recklessness. Indeed, in such a case anyone arguing that through his own efforts he had become so drunk as not to appreciate what he was doing will be condemning himself of where a defendant is facing a

serious charge such as mur-der, requiring proof of a specific intention, then his intoxication at the time of the crime can be a defence if it prevented him having the relevant information.

The concession to people charged with "specific intent" - broadly, the most grave crimes - arose in the early 19th century as a way of allowing defendants to avoid being hanged or transported if they were too drunk when committing an offence to have been seen as coldly wicked.

In some circumstances, of course, being affected by alcohol is an integral part of an of-fence. The Road Traffic Act of 1988 for example, includes several offences such as driving or being in charge of a vehicle while under the influence of drink or drugs.

ere, victims of laced drinks cannot escape conviction, although the courts can be sympathetic. In one case a man in a pub who had drunk beer moderately. then ordered a tonic water. had had his last drink laced with vodka by a woman planning to reveal the trick before he left. She wanted him not to drive back to his home but to sleep with her and she expected that when told of the vodka he would not risk the drive. He left before she had a chance to tell him, but though he was convicted of a drink-driving offence, he was given an absolute discharge.

There have been various reports recommending legal reforms in this area. The Law Commission has rejected the idea of replacing the existing law with a new offence of "criminal intoxication" and recommended instead a series of revisions to today's rules.

After recent disturbing news, such as the findings of Swansea's Centre for Substance Abuse Research that 55 per cent of 11 to 16-year-olds are regular drinkers of alcohol (rising to 7) per cent of 16year-olds), George Howarth, the Home Office Minister, has begun an inquiry on this issue. Whichever way the law is finely tuned, deeper social questions need to be asked about why a generation of children has come to favour alcopops over popcorn. ● Dr Slapper is Principal Lecturer in Law, Staffordshire University.

The knives sharpen at Chancery Lane

leaked documents and allegations of dirty tricks can mean only one thing blood is being spilt in another election for the job of President of the Law Society.

From 1954 to 1995 the elections were uncontested. The deputy vice-president be-came the vice-president who became the President. It was all very sedate. It produced a steady stream of solicitors who could be relied upon to say the right things in public and generally behave themselves. They were all so worthy that a knighthood went with the job until the Government decided that it was no longer appropriate for senior lawyers to ger knighthoods automatically. High Court judges were exempted from this ruling.

Then in 1995 there was an election between Henry Hodge, Eileen Pembridge and Martin Mears with Mr Mears emerging triumphant and pledging reform. His year in office was racked with controversy as he lambasted

both members of the Law Society Council and senior Law Society officials for blocking his reforms, while he was much criticised for tactless comments in the media. When Mr Mears announced that he was to stand for a second term. his critics united behind the well-liked figure of Tony Girling who won the 1996 election with Phillip Sycamore as vice-president.

The Law Society dropped out of the news and when Mr Mears's former vice-president. the respected Robert Sayer, joined the Sycamore slate for the 1997 election, few would have given anything for Mr Mears's chances if he had stood again for President. The

average solicitor is not interested in Law Society elections. The only time an interest is shown is when the profession's economic interests are threatened and the Law Society is (for once) able to do something about it. This happens only rarely and the mood is otherwise one of apathy and indifference,

The two issues that have thrown the election wide open concern the Solicitors Indemnity Fund (SIF) contributions and the alleged involvement of the Sycamore team in a "dirty tricks" campaign to secure the presidency. The SIF faces a £248 million shortfall, largely as a result of negligent conveyancing during years that had hitherto been regarded as "closed" for insurance purposes. This is in addition to £200 million required to pay claims for the open years, Mr Mears has consistently made an issue out of the way in which the SIF is run and has claimed that it has underestimated the effect of cut-price conveyancing on claims. The official estimate is that premiums will have to rise by 80 per cent to cover the cost of the

private detectives, threats of libel writs, deficit. The apportionment of the losses is one of the most important and contentious issues for the profession over the next year. The

survival of many firms is dependent on it. Then there was the leak of a note of a secret meeting in February attended by Mr Sycamore and his campaign team. It was reported that senior members of Lowe Bell Communications, a public relations firm which had worked for the Law Society. would give unpaid help to the Sycamore team provided their involvement was kept secret. These included Jonathan Hill who was adviser to John Major and who may have thought he would have time on his hands after the general election. Mr Sycamore was to organise a meeting with Mr Hill to discuss a "negative campaign" and the hiring private detectives to investigate Mr Mears and those who might stand with him. The note acknowledged that it would be disastrous if knowledge of this leaked out. Mr Sycamore

later said that he had rejected out of hand the suggestion of hiring inquiry agents and that

The most controversial part of the note dealt with managing the agendas of Law Society meetings to stop bad news coming out. The Law Society may not be able to do much to improve the lot of solicitors but is can, through mismanagement, cost them a lot of money and the profession expects its leaders to be frank. All the money spent in developing the high street computer starter kit for solicitors has been lost £10 million has been wasted on the defective Regis computer and the refurbishment of the

headquarters has overrun by £3.4 million. Then there is still the SIF with its £448 million black hole.

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Many solicitors fear that they might end up as the equivalent of Lloyd's names with demands for payments for losses that they did not know existed.

These issues have made the election wide open. The "steady as you go" approach of Mr Sycamore does not sit well with the image of private detectives and agenda management. The suggestion is that this will put off the more traditional solicitors. But does this leave the field open for Mr Mears? His support among the beleagured smaller practitioners is probably fairly solid but he has managed to upset a lot of the vested interest groups and many of the Sycamore supporters will have voted before the story of the secret meeting broke. Polling ends on Thursday and the result will be publicly known by next Tuesday. The indications are that it will be a

low turnout and a close result. ■ The author is a practising solicitor

Might it be Mears again?

THE Law Society is steeling itself for a possible Martin Mears victory when the result of the presidential elections is announced on Monday evening. Many believe that Phillip Sycamore's alleged dirty tricks campaign against Mr Mears may tip the balance in Mr Mears's favour, al-though much depends on how many solicitors bother to vote.

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Simon Baker, the author of the "dirty tricks" document, has since announced his resignation from the Law Society The last time Mears, a Norfolk solicitor, was Presi-

dent, the society was plunged

into infighting and backstab-

bing. Some insiders insist.

Straw: Inner Temple's warm embrace

however, that Mr Mears has. become more statesmanlike and his ideas more measured. In what may be the first signs of the taming of Mears, tomorrow he unveils a new guide on client care for solicitors, which he has edited for the Office for the Supervision of Solicitors - not the kind of initiative he would have

Tony Girling has delivered a parting shot at Mr Mears. "He has," the outgoing President says, an enormous amount to contribute - every committee, every council, needs a Martin Mears. But i don't believe he is suited to leadership. He is intelligent, engaging - but there is something in his make-up which means he can't resist finding the soft underbelly in every-

touched three years ago.

thing and going for it."
Mr Girling fears that the good relations between the society and the Government would be jeopardised if Mr Mears won. So he has given him some advice.

"I told him," says Mr Girling, "that if he wins he will have to learn to comport himself differently ... he has to be prepared to read the papers and listen to the views of those who have worked up policy proposals and done the work."

First it was the cricket. Then it was Wimbledon and now it is the turn of the Kennedy's Charity Bowls Tournament to be blighted by the bad weather. The tournament, which is being held to raise money for research into muscular dystrophy, was going to be

Straw in the Inn

THE Inner Temple, Jack Straw's Inn, has been quick to welcome the new

Home Secretary into its inner circle. Soon after Labour's general election victory, it invited Mr Straw to become

Fellow benchers include Lord Woolf,

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Straw of allowing himself to be nobbled by the legal establishment, they should

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a bencher - and on June 20 he accepted.

held last week. But incessant rain forced the City law firm to postpone it until the week starting July 21.

CPS Netted

THE Crown Prosecution Service is the latest part of the Government to go on to the Internet. The site will explain what the CPS is up to. Also this week a book on law and the Internet is published by Clive Gringras, a solicitor with Olswang. Sir Robin Ja-cob, the High Court judge, says in the foreword: "Anyone with an Internet problem will find this book a first port of call - and in many cases will find an answer, or a reason-

able prediction of an answer. The CPS said the site would enable the CPS to pass information direct to the public, universities and schools. It would explain the CPS's history, its place in the criminal justice system and the role of the Director of Public Prosecutions and some previous cases.

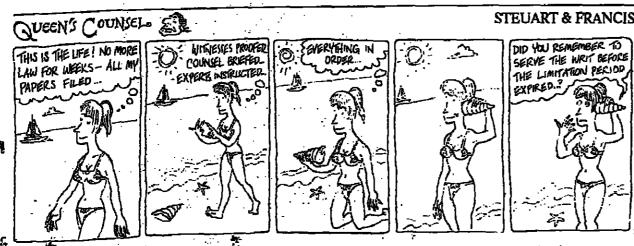
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THE cab rank system is alive and well. according to Press Gazette. The trade paper for journalists notes that during the recent Aitken libel trial, George Carman, QC, World In Action's counsel, lined up against Charles Gray, Jonathan Aitken's QC, and that the tables will be turned next year. when the programme faces another libel action from Marks & Spencer.

This time Mr Gray is due to represent World In Action while Mr Carman is scheduled to appear for the other

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ected her to work nights and weekends. Typical complaints from assistant solicitors with the busiest City firms. And the more she ned, the more her spirits sank. She couldn't help it. She Edn't want to appear duli or lifeless, simply depressed her

The speed with which her spirits rose when she talked about the US deal was remarkable. Her eyes lik un, she sat up in her chair. Visions of a destiny in the Civil Service began to fade. She became a lively candidate well suited to a job at Olswanes or Virgin Atlantic.

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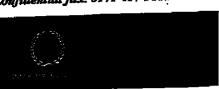
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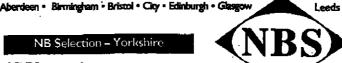
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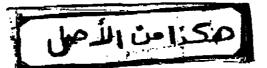
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Barbara Hewson asks whether judges have the right to order Caesareans

overnment policy says that women should have informed choice and control in childbirth. So it is anomalous that judges have authorised Caesarean operations against women's wishes in effect assaults on adults declining obstetric intervention.

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In several recent cases - Re S (1992). Norfolk and Norfolk NHS Trust v W (1996). Re L (1996). Re MB (1997) - adults had no chance to be in court, to give evidence, to have independent experts, to get discovery of medical records, to interview witnesses, or to know the case against them. Cynics observed court order in respect of a focus a child |sic| has died that might that if a pregnant woman accepts medical advice, she is "competent" (capable of making her own decisions); if not, she is "incompenent".

"Forced Caesarean" cases cannot be justified on the ground of state necessity, a principle established in the mid-l8th century. So what is the reason for them? Judges have spoken of their concern for the life of the "unborn child" and the desire

But if this is their guiding motive. it is seen by others as an attempt to introduce "fortal rights" by the back door. Any such attempt would offend the rule of law. Our law does not recognise foetal rights. In Re F (in utero) (1988) the Court of Appeal held that judges must not curtail women's civil liberties for the sake

Lord Justice Balcombe said that "in such a sensitive field, affecting as it does the liberty of the individual, it is not for the judiciary to extend the law". To Lord Justice May, it was unthinkable that a live with the subsequent news that

A woman's freedom under attack

could be carried out against a woman by force or by jail.

Sir Stephen Brown, the President of the Family Division, challenged this in in a case known as Re S (1992) when authorising non-con-sensual Caesarean surgery on a competent Nigerian in labour. At the 1993 Bar conference, he indicated that he would do this again, if another case arose.
It is unfortunate that the judg-

ment in Re S uses language reminiscent of that of foetal rights proponents. It describes Mrs S as mother"; her focus as "unborn child" or "baby". Foctal rights proponents argue that pregnant women are a subordinate class. whose liberties can be abridged for the sake of foetuses. Their views are coloured by absolutist notions of maternal self-sacrifice.

The influence of Re S appears in comments by Mr Justice Johnson in 1996: "No judge has yet refused to make an order and has had to

have lived . . . I do not think there is a possibility of giving attention to the legal niceties".

Not only some judges but also the executive are implicated in this disturbing trend. In Re S (1992), the case of the Nigerian woman, the Official Solicitor argued for forced Caesarean surgery. In W (1996) he argued for the use of force to impose a non-consensual forceps delivery. But the Official Solicitor has no mandate to pursue such a heterodox agenda, and must have appreciated the adverse implications for women's autonomy.

As for the NHS, it has no

mandate to promote "foetal rights". Yet in 1996, a law firm acting for 70 NHS trusts announced a 24-hour helpline for trusts seeking to compel non-compliant women to undergo obstetric intervention, in response to NHS "need".

in Re MB (1997), the case in which a woman refused intervention because of her fear of needles, the Court of Appeal grappled with

these forces. MB, who refused surgery, was "naive" and "not very bright". After a 30-minute phone call ending at 4.55pm, a judge declared her temporarily incompe-tent. The Court of Appeal agreed at lam that she was incompetent, and ordered her to undergo Caesarean surgery by force, it then asked the hospital to file evidence. Weeks later, it affirmed the common law principle, laid down by the House of Lords in Sidaway (1985), that competent adults have the right to accept or refuse treatment, for reasons that are rational or irrational. This includes pregnant adults. The court also reaffirmed that foetuses have no separate interests capable of being taken into account even at point of birth.

ord Justice Thorpe recently spoke on Re MB at a conference. He said that no 🎜 family judge had upneid a pregnant woman's autonomy so as to deny a foetus "the best possible chance". Parliament, he indicated should intervene after Re VIB. Otherwise, he said, "the obvious risk was restatements of principle by appellate judges which tria! judges simply find impossible in follow [nny italics].

This sounds like special pleading. The common law does not

recognise foetuses. Foetuses are not "children". Even if family judges disagree with the common law. they cannot refuse to follow it: To refuse is to defy the rule of law. If judges wish to refuse, they are not fulfilling their role, and, I believe, should resign.



The new baby: surely a mother should have the right to decide against a Caesarean section?



Mullarkey: stack of invitations from the British and Chinese

Chinese takeover continues in Hong Kong **Edward Fennell** looks into the future for lawyers in the former colony Hong Kong law offices last week

for the duration of the three-day holiday marking the changeover to China: partying was high on everyone's agenda. Unlike some of the British Government officials worried about the constitutional and human rights issues, lawyers in the Hong Kong offices of the London-based law firms were gearing up for the time of their lives.

David Mullarkey, who runs the Linklaters & Paines office, had a stack of invitations from both the British and Chinese sides: Alexandra Livesey of Allen & Overy said that all the lawyers she knew would be celebrating the historic occasion.

Business is booming in Hong Kong and most British lawyers are confident that life will continue much as before. In

particular, they are quick to reject some of the fears that in the post-colonial euphoria they will be shunned by Chinese clients. Mark Johnson of Her-bert Smith, for example, said: "Hong Kong is a sophisticated financial centre and I cannot foresee why that should

But some are not so sanguine. Stephen Wozencroft has been based in the Far East for many years and runs the local Wilde Sapte office in Hong Kong. He fears, that "the days of people like me are numbered". Localisation of staff (the replacement of foreigners in Hong Kong jobs), means he believes that British lawyers will play less of a role in Hong Kong than previously, and that many

more Chinese lawyers must be recruited and trained if London firms are to maintain a big presence.

Mr Wozencroft also thinks that sheer force of numbers may drive English into second place as the business language of the former colony. Laws will be in two languages, but the status of English is almost bound to be reduced as the Chinese flex their muscles.

ore than a score of Londonbased law firms, as well as . American, Australian and local outfits, operate in Hong Kong. Tension exists between the various nationalities, but already many people say that the local scene is dominated by

Hong Kong firms (albeit with colonial titles). A Johnson Stokes & Master spokeswoman, for example, was quick to claim that her firm, together with Deacons Graham & James, was top dog. London law firms," she said firmly, "are not the market leaders here."

The separate status of Hong Kong means that it can still make sense to run a practice focused on the domestic work of the city itself. But most firms are starting to build up their involvement with the People's Republic. Slaughter & May, for example, believes it is still best to do its China work from Hong Kong, but some firms have opened offices either in Shanghai or Beijing. Herbert Smith uses its office as a focus for dev-

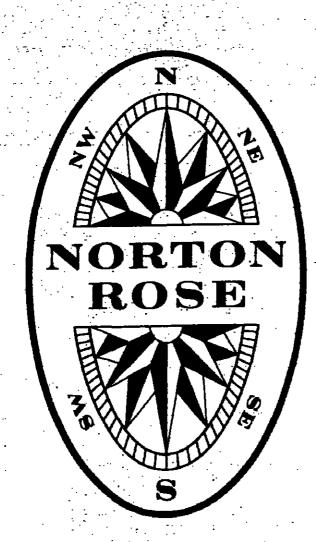
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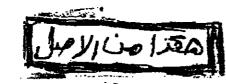
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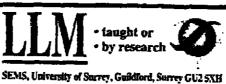
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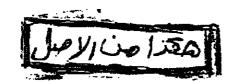
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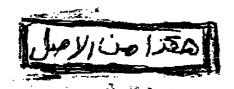
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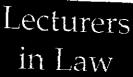
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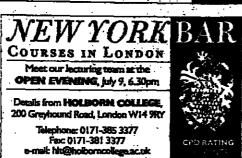
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RUGBY UNION: TELFER WARNS AGAINST RETREAT TO CONSERVATISM

Lions must be lauded for their positive thinking

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THE 1997 British Isles tour of South Africa ended this morning when the rump of the party stepped down from their incoming flight at Heathrow. but the effects of their success have still to percolate downwards. "People generally copy success," Fran Cotton, the manager, said, "and it's important to our rugby that the

The Lions, led by Martin Johnson, achieved two objecrives crucial to the development and appreciation of the game: they won the series with South Africa 2-1, but they also played an appealing brand of rugby. If they did not prove conclusively that the two can go hand in hand in the international arena, it is far more than any pundit believed possible when they departed in

Comparisons with their predecessors of 1974, who won three and drew one of their internationals with the Springboks, are inevitable, though these Lions, some of whom were not born 23 years ago, seldom discussed them.

vesterday involved in a tug-of-

war over Mark Regan, the

British Isles hooker. Regan.

25, claims to have agreed a five-year, six-figure deal with

Bath, but Derek Brown, the

Bristol chairman, is insisting

that Regan sees out the final

year of his contract and said:

he doesn't want to play for us

we will stick him on the

bench. He will not be playing

Bristol-born Regan is dis-

appointed that the club has let

so many talented players

leave in the past 12 months.

Alan Sharp, of Scotland, Kyran Bracken and Simon

Shaw, the England interna-

for Bath next season.'

He is not going anywhere. If

the stature achieved by J. P. R. Williams, Gareth Edwards, Fergus Slattery. Cotton himself and their ilk, but in a general playing sense - and certainly in commercial terms the 1997 Lions may have achieved more.

Even if only a limited audience watched them on satellite television, the message going back to British enthusiasts

TOUR RECORD

Bristol determined to keep Regan

tionals, and Garath Archer

Regan is in the England

squad for the international

against Australia in Sydney

on Saturday after his exploits

Lions. Australia, mauled by

the New Zealand pack on

Saturday, have reacted by

dropping Richard Harry, the

prop forward.
The Wallabies were over-

powered by the All Black

in Christchurch, prompting

Greg Smith, the coach, to

drop Harry in one of four

Daniel Herbert, the centre.

is omitted to make way for the

return of Jason Little, who

changes to a 24-man squad.

wards during a 30-13 defeat

South Africa with the

have signed for other clubs.

was one of positive rugby. The cynic may point to Neil Jenkins's haul of penalty goals in the three internationals and the three tries scored by the Lions in those games, compared with nine from South Africa, but the cold statistics do not tell the full story of a side that played for so long with its back to the wall and

yet produced the character to

steal the series. Yet Jim Telfer, the assistant coach and ever the realist, warned that players are con-servative creatures. "If the coach of club or district doesn't like the way we played here, I don't know if the players will be sufficient to change their minds," Telfer said. "I think change has to come from the national coaches of the unions.'

self is not agreed on how best to sustain the rise in standards at home. Ian McGeechan, the coach, seeks what appears to be impossible, a superstructure beyond the existing five nations' championship. though he agrees that development of club or provincial rugby, through Europe, will be beneficial. Cotton perceives

a different representative structure in England, of city-

defeat because of a hip injury.

lia is the return after injury of

Matt Burke, the full back, a

key attacking player and the

Richard Tombs, the Austra-

lia centre, completed Glouces-

ter's new-look overseas three-

quarter line yesterday when he signed after lengthy negoti-ations. The New South Wales

centre, 29. who will arrive in

Gloucester later this month

after his work permit has

been arranged, will line up

alongside, Philippe Saint-An-

dré, the France wing, his

brother, Raphaei, and Terry Fanolua, the Western Samo-

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Wallabies' goalkicker.

Another bonus for Austra-

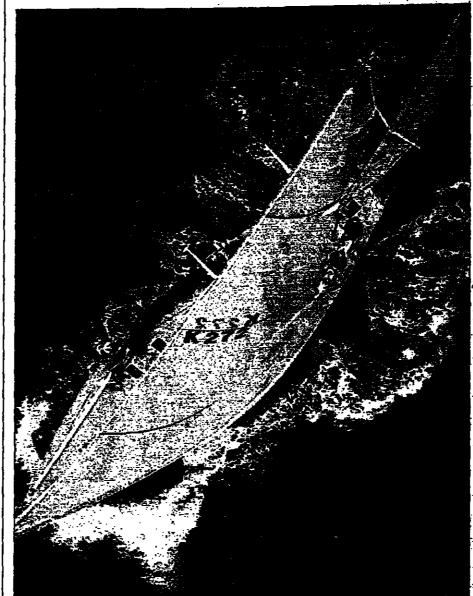
the retiring chairman of the mittee, offers a stern negative to those who would entertain the Lions every two years.

Here, Williams offers the voice of sanity to those who will otherwise, at the behest of television and the fees inrugby the common coin. If there is one message to come through from the activities this summer, mainly from the hoarse throats of players carrying a mulitplicity of injuries, it is that rugby of such intensity cannot be sustained week in, week out.

The players are worn out and spectators turned off because what were once rare and exciting events are becom-ing debased by overuse. The planning that now takes England's Lions to Australia for an international in Sydney on Saturday must be queried, as must that which next summer could take England, via an international with the United States, to New Zealand for two internationals and home via Australia and South Africa for internationals on successive Saturdays.

"We are on a very steep learning curve as far as professional rugby is concerned." Williams said, "and we haven't yet come to terms with it. If we are not careful, we will kill the goose that lays the golden eggs. We couldn't fill the Arms Park when Australia and South Africa came to Wales last year."

Yet the Lions bring a message of hope, notably to the Scots, Irish and Welsh, whose rebuilding needs are greater than England's, that players of high quality remain at a time when the traditional writes). powers in the game are in danger of contracting rather than expanding. This tour's heroes have been the likes of Tom Smith, the inexperienced Scotland prop, Jeremy Davidson, the athletic young Ireland lock, and the rumbustious Wales centre, Scott Gibbs, and in them lie the 1997 Lions' lasting value.



The yawl, Gandalf Wight Sorcerer, in action in the western Solent yesterday

Laidlaw leads fleet a merry dance

COMPETITION on day two adjudged - like many others of the Rolex Swan European Regatta at Cowes finally got under way yesterday in hot and light conditions that forced officers to abandon a planned round-the-island race and opt instead for a shorter course in the western Solent (Edward Gorman

The Swan 60, Highland Fling, owned by Irvine Laidlaw, took line honours in Division I after leading for most of the way from the start at the Squadron line. The next two finishers, Arien van Vemde's new 60. Sotto Voce, and the 68. Splendid, were second and third to finish, but heard no guns after being

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- to have been over the start line early.

Second place on the water thus went to the Royal Ocean Racing Club commodore, Terry Robinson, in his new 48. Assuage, with Richard Loftus's Swan 65, Desperado of Cowes, third. In Division 2, the 44, Flamboyant had established a good lead and was on course for line

The Swans, arguably the most attractive production ocean racing yachts affoat, have turned out in force with 51 entries for the championship, mostly from Britain but. with visitors from France. Holland, Belgium, Greece

and Germany. The championship consists of five races with one discard allowed. The fleet sails in two divi-

sions, with the bigger boats down to the Swan 46s in the top echelon. The handicap system in the class, Nautor's Swan Rating, equalises boats that range from old cruisers to new models fitted out for In the first race on Sunday,

the Royal Yacht Squadron Challenge, it was Don Wood's 55st yawl, Gandalf Wight Sorcerer, which won breeze, beating the 48, Elan, owned by Harald Baum, by more than one minute on corrected time.

Victory puts Woods on top of the world

TIGER WOODS prompted a change at the top of golfs world rankings for the fourth successive week when he secured a three-shot triumph in the Western Open at Lemont. Illinois, late on Sunday night. A seventh tournament vic-

tory in ten months as a professional enabled Woods, who finished ahead of Frank Nobilo, to overtake Greg Norman and Ernie Els, both previous leaders, in the rankings. He has now earned more than El million on the US Tour this season.

Cohn Montgomerie stays in fourth place, despite his spectacular triumph in the Murphy's Irish Open. Montgomerie, Els and Norman are in a powerful field for the Loch Lomond World Invitational, which begins tomorrow.

☐ Cricket: Mohammad Azharuddin, the former captain, has been recalled by India for their tour of Sri Lanka beginning later this month. Two newcomers -Debashish Mohamty, the fast bowler, and Nilesh Kulkarni, the left-arm spinner - have been included in the 14-man

☐ Bowls: Northamptonshire won through to the regional finals of the English Bowling Association under-25 two fours championship, beating Essex 36-35 in a tense match. They join Kent, Devon and Lincolnshire in the national semi-finals at Worthing on August 24

Shooting: British internationals showed up well against their Commonwealth rivals at the British Commonwealth rifle meeting at Bisley. Paul Kent, from Surrey, won the overall championship by one

Rughy league: Sheffield their squad by signing Neil Law, the Northampton centre. Law. 22, will be returning to his home town after playing in 19 first division games.

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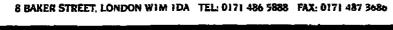
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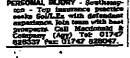
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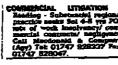
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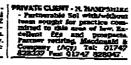


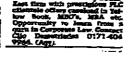
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RACING: EMBATTLED JOCKEY AIMS TO REVIVE FORTUNES WITH DUSHYANTOR ON OPENING DAY OF JULY MEETING AT NEWMARKET

Fallon seeks telling response to critics

By Chris McGrath

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THE July meeting at Newmarket, which starts today, represents high summer for Flat racing, but its hear is threatening to wither the early bloom of Kieren Fallon's

The jockey's tactics on Bosra Sham in the Coral-Eclipse Stakes last Saturday have rompted Henry Cecil, the Coeaten favourite's trainer, to unrestrained fulmination.

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: PRINCE DOME (4.10 Newmarket) Next best: Plaisir D'Amour (4.45 Newmarket)

has rejected every opportunity to temper his less to keep it. private, and the Tote yesterday decided that Fallon's own employer is effectively prising the wheels off his challenge for the jockeys' championship. It pushed him out to 7-2 from 7-4, cutting Frankie Dettori to 5-4 on from 6-4 and Par Eddery to

7-4 from 15-8. In today's feature race, the Princess of Wales's Stakes. Fallon has been switched from Lady Carla - owned, like Bosra Sham, by Wafie Said to ride Dushyantor. Pat Eddery, committed to Celeric



Shantou and Dettori, star on cap, join forces in the Princess Of Wales's Stakes at Newmarket this afternoon

today, is expected to resume last year's parmership with

Bosra Sham in future. Cecil declined to offer Fallon anything resembling a vote of confidence yesterday. I don't have to tell the world what I tell my staff. I run a private organisation," he said. "I de-cide who rides what, and I don't need to tell anyone why."
He had, of course, told the world precisely why the previous day, using words such as "appalling", "horrific" and "atrocious" to describe what had happened. Not many observers could be emphatic that Fallon's error made the difference between victory and defeat, but Cecil retorted: "If people don't have the eyes to see it, they should not go racing, but go to the theatre

There is no need to resort to

the theatre, it would seem when racing can provide such melodramatics of its own. Cecil, who managed to preserve his dignity through a lurid split with Sheikh Mohammed in 1995, has betrayed the intensity that lurks beneath his languid airs.

Fallon is left in a difficult position, but it would be typical if he were to pick himself off the floor. Sweetest of all would be a win on Dushvantor, but last year's Derby runner-un disappointed at Ascot and lacks a cutting edge in a race that may not

provide a true test of stamina. On the face of it, that would also seem to rule out Celeria. dropping back a full mile after his stirring victory in the Gold Cup at Royal Ascet. He does travel well through his reas. and has a turn of foot on fast

ground, but Swain and Shantou look horses with a touch more class at this distance. Shontou, who beat Dushyantor in the St Leger. has a questionable character. ou: Dettori knows the answers - so much so that he has been released from the ride on Swam by Godolphin. He may have cause to regret this, as Swain holds Shantou on their running behind Pilsudski in the Breeders' Cup Turi last autumn, when trained by

André Fabre. Pilsudski, a neglected hero on Saturday, will contest the King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Diamond Stakes before being given a break en route to one of the Arc trials. He will be joined by Singspiel at Ascot, but plans for another stablemate, Entrepreneur, depend on consultations beween Michael Stoute, his trainer, and the horse's owners at Keeneland, Kentucky.

new week This will he a final King George as a Trustee of the Ascot Authority for Colonel Sir Piers Bengough, who retires in the autumn. Yesterday's announcement that he will be succeeded by Johnny Weatherby, the 37-year-old chairman of racing's secretari-21. will not diminish the winds of change that are blowing so healthily through Ascot.

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RACING AHEAD obert Wright ts the best value in ante post market PEDEBOKE BENEDRA COL Newmarket, July 10 **GUIDE TO THE LEADING PRICES** 9-1 Crown Court 9-1 8-1 Neuwest 10-1 | 5-1 | 10-1 Crumpton Hill 10-1 10-1 10-1 Cosmic Prince 12-1 | 12-1 | 10-1 Jafn 14-1 12-1 14-1 Madly Sharp 12-1 14-1 14-1 Jo Meli 14-1 12-1 16-1 Elfland **Emerging Market** 12-1 16-1 10-1 | 14-1 | 16-1 Cadeaux Tryst 141 141 141 20-1 20-1 16-1 러틴 sticing entry for Thursday's Ladbroke Bunbury Cup must have delighted the sponsoring company, which is happy to offer \$ 1 the field, blonetheless. provides the betting nighlight of an excellent july meeting of flewmarket. Coungron hill won this race lost year and can be forst en his eighth place in the Hunt Cup, as 66 6.0 not have much luck in running, he is clearly in good heart, and cure to feature prominently Prince Sabar was never able to challenge after being squeezed out at halfway in the surfurlong Nickinghan Handidap at Poyal Ascot, but was still only beaten art und five lengths into eleventh place. On his previous duting at foot, he finished runner-up to Sentre Starts, who was subsequently beaten a neck in the group two Queen Anne Stakes, while the third abit to the tame there insulable and Winter Pomance, have gune on to win valuable handicaps Back to seven funorigs, which is probably his best the PRINCE BABAR will be hard to keep out of the

Rainbow Rain can make a splash

NEWMARKET **CHANNEL 4**

2.05: This invariably proves to be a hot maiden and with four of the debutants - Arkadian Hero, Jalaab, Surprise Present and Victory Note holding Gimerack and/or Middle Park Stakes entries, today's renewal looks no exception. Rainbow High is also expected to make up into a particularly nice horse.

Craigsteel finished a good second to Muhtahir (who won again at Sandown on Friday) and that experience could make all the difference. In a race which is sure to produce several future winnners it is worth keeping a close eye on Arkadian Hero, representing the Michael Tabor-John Magnier team, and the wella regarded Jalaab.

2.35: The step up to a mile at Carlisle 13 days ago made all the difference to Rainbow Rain, who had previously been outpaced here over six furlongs before finishing strongly. Mark Johnston's progressive colt can follow up on this stiff track off a 51b higher mark, especially as he

enjoys a potentially good draw next to the stands' rail. Family Man is another who showed marked improvement when bolting up over the Rowley Mile last time, and he



TODAY'S RACES ON TELEVISION

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at the Curragh on Irish Derby

go on to better things.

3.40: See above.

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Freephone Betting.

RICHARD EVANS

2.35 SYLVAN PRINCESS (nap) 4,45 St Blaine 3.05 Ajig Dancer 5.15 Haami 5.45 Royal Dome

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 2.05 Craigsteel. 3.40 Swain. 4.10 DANETIME (nap).

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is not out off it despite being raised 8lb. Kennemara Star looks certain to win a decent handicap this term, although his best form has been on easy ground. Jihereen is still potentially well treated on the best of his old form after winning over course and distance ten

3.05: Crazee Mental lived up to her name when veering all over the track in the Queen Mary Stakes but still finished a good second to Nadwah in a fast-run race Danyross showed improved form for Aidan O'Brien when runnerup to King Of Kings, favourite for next year's 2,000 Guineas,

Day. Land Of Dreams looked likely to win in soft ground over course and distance ten days ago before being caught by the Paul Cole-trained Lady In Waiting. Mark Johnston's filly is capable of better but. interestingly. Cole runs the well-regarded Stayingalive here after needing only to be pushed out when making a winning debut here a month ago. The Gone West filly can

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ATHLETICS: BRITON SUBDUES STRONG FIELD IN 800 METRES

Holmes maintains unbeaten record

FROM DAVID POWELL, ATHLETICS CORRESPONDENT, IN STOCKHOLM

British record in the 1.500 metres. Kelly Holmes set a stadium record for the 800 metres in one of the oldest track and field arenas in the world yesterday. For much of the race it looked as though Holmes might even improve her British record.

However, victory, rather than time landmarks, was Holmes's priority. She came to the International Ama-teur Athletic Federation grand prix meeting here unbeaten this season to take on the strongest field she has faced all year, and in her second choice event. The 1.500 metres is her priority for the world championships in Athens next month, when she hopes to improve on the silver medal she won at Gothenburg in 1995.

included in the starting line-up were Ana Fidelia Ouirot, the world champion, from Cuba, and silver medal-winner from the Olympic Games in Atlanta last year: Yelena Afanasyeva, from Russia, a European Cup champion, and Letitia Vriesde, from Surinam, another former world championship medal

As they broke lanes after the first bend. Holmes took up third place behind the pacemaker. Yelena Golesheva, and Quirot. The positions remained unchanged through the bell, reached in 56.1sec. But, after Golesheva dropped out with 300 metres to go, Holmes soon found herself in front, though Quirot went past her down the back straight.

Briefly, it seemed that Holmes would be dropped but she held the gap to two metres and, on the crown of the final bend, went around Outrot on the outside. As they duelled down the final straight. Holmes

Bath

EIGHT days after breaking the displayed the greater strength and metres hurdles, was an emotional pulled away to win by a convincing margin. The Briton's time of Imin 57.14sec was within a second of the national record of Imin 56.21sec that

she set in Monaco two years ago. Holmes will run both the 800 and 1.500 metres at the British trials for Athens, in Birmingham beginning on Friday. "My target in Athens is the 1,500 metres but, more than likely, I will enter both events at the world championships," Holmes said. This meeting celebrates each stadi-

um record by giving the successful athlete a one carat diamond valued at \$10,000 (about £6,000). Since the inception of the scheme in 1994, 12 athletes had been successful before last night. Holmes was the second athlete yesterday evening to receive the diamond, having beaten the record of Imin 57.30sec held by Anita Weiss, of East Germany, since 1976. The first was Ato Boldon, the Olympic bronze medal-winner in the 100 and 200 metres, havin won the

Boldon recorded 9.95sec, defeating his training partner. Maurice Greene, who had beaten an impressive field in the Lausanne Grand Prix five days earlier. When Greene won the United States title in 9.90sec in June, he became the third quickest American in history after Leroy Burrell and Carl Lewis. Then Greene staked his claim as a world title contender by beating a formidable field in Lausanne, one which included Frankie Fredericks, Donovan Bailey, Dennis Mitchell, Linford Christie and Boldon. Greene had to be content with second place last

night, recording 10.01sec. The first track event, the men's 400



Holmes came close to improving her British record

Hicham El Guerrouj made a bold attempt on the world record but fell two seconds outside with 3min 29.31sec.

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\$1.70, \$4.40 DF: £6.00 CSF: £9.95
4.30 (5/ 11yd) 1, GORETSKI (P Fredericks, 2-1 tav); 2, Bright Paragon (5 Carson, 15-2); 3, Tommy Tempest (R Breland, 33-1), ALSO RAN-6 Basm Athou, Make Ready (5th), 10 Asrai kwader, 12 Ashkemazy, Manno Street, 16 Dehrob (8th), files in Shine; 20 Forzara, 25 Soda, 50 Dancing Jack Mister Sean, Moving Up (4th) 15 ran INR Chres's Lady, 25\; Ind., nk, hd, 14\; N Tinkler at Maiton Tote £2.80, £1.50, £3.00, £9.10 DF £12.50
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5.00 (1m 2i 46yd) 1, DARAPOUR (R Firench, 16-1); 2. Desert Beauty (J Reid, 4-7 tav); 3. Insel (R Hills, 8-1), ALSO RAN 7-2 Imperial Scholar (6th), 6 Juggler, 14 Devilish Charm (6th), 13.3 Silanidas (Mth)

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2.15 (5) 1. MILL END QUEST (T Luces. 51); 2. Cumbrian Cadet (J Caroll, 11-2); 3.
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YESTERDAY'S RACING RESULTS Sunsat Harbour (6th), 8 Kalar, 10 Blazing large, Ready Teddy, 12 Good To Talk, 14 Toronto, 16 Bashtul Brave, Remytholme, Sense Of Priority, 20 Mystique Smile, 25 Young Ben, 100 Maydon (5th), 200 Lord Cornelious 17 mm M, 294, rik, Mel, Mrs. J Ramsden at Transk, Tote: \$7.30, \$1.50, \$1.80, \$4.00, \$5.00, DF: \$2.90, Trio. \$22.50, CSF £31.02 Tricast; \$202.31.

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CSF £17.56. 4.15 (7! 30pd) 1. BROCTUNE GOLD (A Cuthene, 1-2 tav); 2. Double Oscar (Alex Greaves, 7-2; 3. Move Smartly (P Roberts, 18-1) ALSO RAN' 8 Mirror Four

ms & Heveley at 5allburn, Tole, \$1.70 \$1.10, \$2.10 DF: \$1.60 CSF: \$2.34 4.45 (fm) 1, DEE PEE TEE CEE (T Lucas, 5-4 lay); 2, Kass Alhawa (A Cuhane, 7-1); 3, Nainasha (T E Durcan, 14-1) ALSO RAN 11-2 The Barnsley Belle (5th), 13-2 Reinhardt (6th), Ternou, 8 Baresho, 11 King Chestrut, 20

Dealer West

Meteor Strike for Perrett

METEOR STRIKE gave Amanda Perrett a winner with her first runner for Khaled Abdulla at Bath yesterday. At the end of last season. Pernett took over the training licence at Pulborough from her father, Guy who handled Abdulla's Arc de Triomphe winner, Dancing Brave, and the top-class miler, Warning.

Matchpointed pairs

Racing, page 43 | Portmarnock last month.

GOLF

Rose picked as youngest Walker Cup player

By JOHN HOPKINS

THERE was only one ticklish decision that the Great Britain and Ireland Walker Cup selectors had to make when choosing their side to compete against the United States next month: whether or not to include Justin Rose, the precociously gifted 16-year-old from the North Hants club. Happily, they took the brave decision and Rose is one of two Englishmen included in the side to play at Quaker Ridge, New York, on August 9 and 10.

Rose, who will not be 17: until ten days before the event. is exceptionally good for his age and may in time mature into an exceptional golfer at semor level, too. To have left him out after he had won the links Trophy, represented the full England side with such style against Spain in May, and is improving week by week, would have been a mistake. Rose becomes the youngest competitor from these islands to compete in the Walker Cup. Ronan Rafferty was 17 and seven months in 1981 and Peter Baker 17 and

ten months in 1985. The core of the side comprises the men who represented Britain and Ireland in the Eisenhower Trophy last year - the Scots, Barday Howard and Michael Brooks, Gary Wolstenholme, of England, and the Irishman, Keith Nolan, who is at East Tennessee State University. No surprise

choices there. Craig Watson, the Amateur champion, was an obvious choice after his success at Royal St George's and David Park, from Burghill Valley, owes his selection to withing the English Strokeplay and a strong performance in Spain in the winter, while Graham Rankin was arguably the best amateur of the early part of

the season.
Where there was some discussion was over the last few places and in the end these went to Richard Coughlan and Steven Young, both of whom attend college or university in America. Youn past Scottish and British Boys' champion and the present Scottish Youths champion. probably ceinented his place with some good performances in the European amateur team championship at

FOOTBALL

Ravanelli fined as Merson goes north

BY DAYID MADDOCK AND RUSSELL KEMPSON

YOU can count on Middlesbrough to avoid the straight-forward. Not content with the process of signing a player for E5 million yesterday, they also managed to misplace another who happens to be valued at

an even higher price.
While Paul Merson was at the Riverside stadium completing his transfer from Arsenal, Fabrizio Ravanelli was nowhere to be found. Ravanelli failed to join his team-mates for training in Italy and was heavily fined by the club. Liverpool. Borussia Dortmund, AC Milan and Everton have registered an interest in the Italian, but not for the £9 million asking

Merson signed a five-year contract, worth £1 million a year, and said: "I know my England prospects could be in jeopardy playing in the first division but I'm excited by the task of getting Middlesbrough back into the Premiership."

Tony Yeboah failed to

appear for training at Leeds United and was fined two weeks' wages — around £30,000. If he fails to appear within the next formight he will be suspended indefinitely without pay.
Liverpool have finally

agreed a compromise £4 million transfer fee with Inter Milan for Paul Ince. Arsenal are still negotiating with Christopher Wreh, the As Monaco striker, and Jerome Bonnissel, the Deportivo La Coruña defender. Arsène Wenger, the Arsenal manage ! i. er, could also renew his interest in Graeme Le Saux the Blackburn Rovers full back, offering David Platt, the midfield player, in a part-exchange deal.

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Peter Ndlovu, the Zimbabwe and Coventry City forward, has joined Birmingham City for £1.75 million. Fulham have signed Andre Arendse, 30, the South Africa goalkeeper, from Cape Town Spors on a ffiree-year contract and Newcastle United have made t-bid∶of. £4. million Alessandro Pistone, 21, the

Internazionale left back. Stoke have appointed Chic Bates as their new manager, while Warford have completed the £130,000 signing of Peter Kennedy, the Notts County (midfield player.

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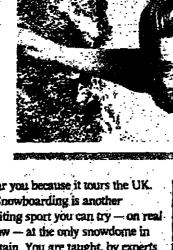
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TOMORROW: AN EXCITING CANOE AND KAYAK OFFER

SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

By Robert Sheehan, bridge correspondent

The Croydon Congress is one of the largest county events in the calendar. The EBU computer produced this rare duplicated void for the Championship Pairs Final.

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showing an opening bid with either six clubs or five clubs and a four-card major. Six Hearts was an overbid. The value of the club void is reduced when partner also rates to be short, and parking places for the host of spade and diamond losers are uncertain. Perhaps South hoped to buily the opponents into Seven

The effect of West's innocent club lead was disastrous. South ruffed in dummy and discarded a spade from hand; now his only loser was the ace of trumps. East should have been

aware of this hazard, and could have averted it by doubling. Freely bid slams rarely go down enough to make a penalty double worth the risk.

lead, the Lightner convention. Normally the Lightner doubler has a particular lead in mind, such as a void, or dummy's suit in which he holds the ace-king. In this case, East would be happy whatever partner led, so long as he avoided the feared ruffand-discard on a club lead. West would probably try a spade, in case East could ruff. He might find trick one confusing, but all would be well.

Robert Sheehan writes on bridge Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend

WORD WATCHING

By Philip Howard

DAUW a. A crow b. A zebra c. A Rhine barge

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a. A con man

b. A waterproof cape c. A pistol Answers on page 46

KEENE on CHESS

BY RAYMOND KEENE

Evans revived

In the powerful tournament at Dortmund, which includes Anatoly Karpov, Vladimir Kramnik and Viswanathan Anand Britain's Nigel Short got off to a fine start by beating the top German grandmaster Robert Hubner with the Ev-ans Gambit. This gambit was virtually discarded at the highest level by the end of the 19th century but experienced a brief revival two years ago at the hands of Garry Kasparov,

White Nigel Short Black: Robert Hubner Dormund; July 1997 Evans Gambit

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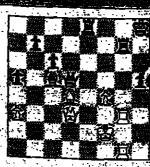
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By Raymond Keene

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Britain's leading lights provide shining example

By Julian Muscat, tennis correspondent

FROM a domestic perspect is time for them to perform tive, the benefits of a successful Wimbledon were evident yesterday in the updated world rankings. With Tim Henman maintaining his pretournament pitch at No 20, Greg Rusedski advanced 13 places on what was then a career-best No 37. Britain thus has two men ranked in the world's top 25 for the first time in two decades.

Wimbledon 1997 will always conjure images of Henman and Rusedski inexorably progressing to the quarter-finals, mingly destined to collide in the next round. It was not to be. Both men were soundly beaten in circumstances unbecoming of their second-week march. Nevertheless, the pair inspired not just each other, but less illustrious British both men and

Henman and Rusedski were joined by Andrew Richardson and Mark Petchey in the third round, a record representation for British men since the birth of the open era 19 years ago. Petchey, 27, spoke eloquently about the frustrations of competing in fringe tournaments.

Equally refreshing was the forward showing of British women, notably Karen Cross, who came within a point of defeating Iva Majoli, the French Open champion, for a place in the fourth round. Cross became the first British woman for seven years to reach the third round at Wimbledon. She started the tournament ranked No 322 in world, advancing to No 147 on its completion. Woodroffe, a firstround winner, rose 75 places

Britain's players must now project their Wimbledon success onto the world stage. Only by maintaining yearround interest will the momentum translate to progress. The onus is on Britain's youngsters to justify increased investment in their futures. It abroad, as have Heninan and Rusedski. An early test of their mettle is the Davis Cup tie against Ukraine, on the clay of

Kiev, starting on Friday. Clay is no hardship to Martina Hingis, 16, the yourgest winner of the women's singles title this century. Grass posed her an altogether different question, which she answered emphatically by



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reversing the tide against Jana Novotna. And what more can be said about Pete Sampras. who added a fourth men's singles title to his swelling collection of grand-slam trophies. The man whose superiority. renders finals anticlimactic now confronts the realms of history in his chase of Roy Emerson's 12

grand-slam titles. Sampras identified his quarter-final victory over. Boris Becker as the cornerstone of his triumph. His sentiments served to amplify Becker's departure from Wimbledon. Three times a previous winner, Becker brought rare drama to the theatre of tennis: imperious on the way to victory, absurdly self-critical on the road to defeat.

Becker's compatrior. Michael Such, also played his last Wimbledon. The champion in 1991, Stich departed after stretching Cedric Pioline in that memorable semi-final, unquestionably the match of the championships. The passing of Becker and Stich leaves the game woefully short of traditional grass-court

The new No I Court proved a welcome addition, its playing surface never less than a credit in difficult circumstances. Sadly, the court also exposed Wimbledon's ticketing arrangements to ridicule. Rusedski opening his morning quarter-final in a stadium was less than half full. Even Henman's later presence failed to fill the arena. This was a lamentable state of affairs, given the fervour of middle Sunday, an emergency date that should become a

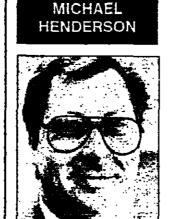
permanent fixture. Whatever the arguments, Wimbledon must consider allocating many more than the 500 tickets sold daily at the gate. The corporate element, despised by all save its own, is impinging on the championships - as are exorbitant catering prices.

On a similar theme, more should be done to provide entertainment on days of incessant rain. Surely, an event generating £30 million profit might have organised more for spectators with little else to do but be fleeced in the shopping arcades.

On days washed out by rain, the players, through the multitude of media outlets, might make themselves more accessible to the millions unable to attend Wimbledon in person. Even in difficult circumstances, a responsibility to maintain interest surely rests with the focus of attention: the game's stars. It is not enough for Mary Pierce to be let loose among photographers clutching a bowl of strawberries.

GOLF

Shamed by spoils of a vulgar war



Line and Length

ictorious at Edg-baston, vanquished at Old Trafford by the length of Warwick Road: England's cricketers are familiar with the full gamut of emotions. One feels a bit sorry for them. For a month they have read so many articles telling them that British sportsmen are the new kings of the world that a few may have come to believe it. They know better now. Well done, Australia, say I.

It is lovely to beat those men in baggy green caps but, if victory is to be measured by the sort of stuff that has been Written in some augreers. I'm not sure it is worth a light. A highly developed country like this one should not have to earn acclaim on any sports field to feel better. We contributed as much to "civilisation" as any nation could. A Test win cannot enhance that record, any more than a

defeat diminishes it. Alas, sport is now a theatre of the circulation war, with predictably bloody consequences. When it comes to shameless nationalism, there is nothing you can teach the bellicose tabloids, of which The Mirror is now indisputably the most offensive.

It was Bernard Levin who once described that paper as "a repository of bogus radi-calism". Now it is a repository of bogus patriotism. The rules of engagement for spectators, "back Britain" first and last. Those odd people who actually like sport for sport's sake run the risk of being rounded up in the Tower.



boo Warne, but his celebrations were undimmed

Why, the paper asked, should English crowds be expected to behave in a tolerant manner? Asking them to applaud Australian batsmen and bowlers would be like asking Manchester United fans to cheer a goal by Georgiou Kinkladze. Well, no, it wouldn't. Football is a confrontational game. Cricket isn't, though it sometimes seems to be going that way.
This "us-stick-the-world"

attitude has infected some of

the crowds that have watched this summer. It has become fashionable to sneer at the people who go to Lord's and to make cheap gibes about Roger Knight, the secretary of MCC, who asked the crowd before play on the first day to remain fair-minded,

If the alternative is to boo Shane Warne every time he comes on to bowl, or invade the pitch in a display of exhibitionism, or do the Mexican wave when the cricket is

most interesting or bellow silly chants, then Lord's has its attractions. Sadly, even the idea of being fair-minded is now derided. We are supposed to "support" England. or rather, the mythical land of "England", which is not the

same thing. There are many reasons for taking pride in being English. Here are a few:

The Book of Common Prayer, King's College Cha-pel, The Lark Ascending. Nicholas Nickleby, Timothy Taylor's Landlord bitter, The Prelude. Stephenson's Rockel. Double Gloucester, Peter Simple, the Penny Black. Giles's grandma, the Oscar Wilde sketch, Brunel, Dad's Army, Greensleeves, the Etype Jag, battered haddock, the Shell guides. Frankie Howerd, Newton. The Bash Street Kids, fig rolls, The Mikado, Penny Lane, Chatsworth House, Scoop, Mrs Worthington, Screaming Lord Sutch, Lucky Jim. The Owl and the Pussycat, Inigo Jones, afternoon tea, the V-sign. The Fighting Temeraire, 606 Squadron, Ken Dodd, Basil Brush, Landseer's Lions and some cock from Stratford whose name quite escapes me.

am sure the people who chant "Ashes coming home ... it's (sic) coming home" can supply their own list, but first they should brush up their grammar.

Following the Test on television and radio, it was reassuring to know how well viewers and listeners are served. There is real expertise on the box, and Test Match Special was an absolute joy, particularly when Fred Trueman was miked-up. "FST" should be available on prescription for those who need cheering up.

According to Fred, *85 per cent of players haven't a clue how to play the swinging ball", most columnists "don't know the first thing about the game of cricket" and the man who bowled out Australia in 1985 was "Roger" Ellison. But when Jonathan Agnew set up Trueman about the Internet (he's online, apparently) and then asked: "Do you surf the net. Fred?", the entire country must have echoed the laughter from the commentary box. The only person not to get the joke was Trueman. Priceless!

CRICKET

May gives tour party a rude welcome

By Michael Henderson

DERBY (final day of three): Derhyshire beat Pakistan A by seven wickets

MICHAEL MAY enjoys playing against touring teams. He made 63 not out against South Africa A last year, of two months ago in the one-wicker win against the Australians and, yesterday, the uncapped batsman made his maiden first-class hundred, an unhearen 107 that helped Derbyshire

beat the young Pakistanis. This victory will not have hurt Derbyshire, as they prepare for a NatWest Trophy tie at home to Northamptonshire tomorrow, particularly as they conceded a first innings lead to Pakistan A after being dismissed for 148. May and Rollins put on 154 for the opening wicket as Derbyshire set off in search of 223, a target

they reached shortly after tea May, a 25-year-old from Chesterfield, is not the most elegant strokeplayer. Short and squat, he is one of life's privates, but Derbyshire are not so well-endowed with players that they can afford to ignore somebody who has the

knack of making runs. Rollins eventually drave Rizvi to Akhtar at mid-off. Spendlove and Khan were also out to catches before May

saw Derbyshire home. The Pakistanis appealed for everything that hit the pad, and quite a lot that did not. If an English fielding side leapt up and down every time the ball hit the pad, it would look bad. If a Pakistan side behaves like this one did yesterday it does not make it any better. PAKSTAN A: First Hintigs 169 Hazar Faza 56: Second Introgs 50: Hazar Raza

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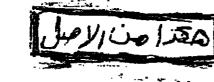
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CYCLING: ITALIAN RETAINS YELLOW JERSEY AFTER TIMING FINISH TO PERFECTION

Cipollini stars in the longest day

IN VIRE

MARIO CIPOLLINI overcame a lack of team support to assert his status as the leading second successive stage win in the Tour de France yesterday.

The man of many nicknames, such as "Il Magnifico", the "Lion King" and "Super Mario", may not be a contender for final honours in Paris, but is, nonetheless, determined to make the most of the best form of his eight-year professional career.

To wear the yellow jersey is the greatest honour of my career." Cipollini said after victory on the longest day of the Tour, through the Calvados region of Normandy. want to hold onto it until the race reaches the Pyrenees."

The Italian's win, his sixth in the Tour, came at the climax of a sultry 612-hour stage. covering 202 kilometres, and increased his overall lead over Chris Boardman, who prudently sat out the frenetic finishing sprint farther back in the main field.

Cipollini had looked out of luck as the field sped into the final kilometre with one of his protective squad of team minders struggling after a crash and another dropping back on the approach to the uphill finish.

"I had a bad moment about 500 metres from the line," Cipollini said. "I was on my own and was boxed in against the barriers." Just as Erik Zabel, of Germany, looked to have victory within his grasp. though. Cipollini judged the final surge to perfection and moved clear of the Berliner to record another dazzling

The flamboyant Italian, who rolled away from the start at the port of St Valery-en-Caux dressed head to foot in yellow, took centre stage for most of the day, even though unsung Frenchman, Thierry Gouvenou, let local pride get the better of him by



Cipollini leads the peloton during his second successive stage win yesterday

setting off on a suicidal breakaway halfway through the

Gouvenou, born here in Vire, set about honouring the Tour tradition of local riders attacking in their own region

by almost five minutes. Cipollini, though, keen to make the most of his time in the limelight before the Tour reaches his dreaded high mountain passes, ordered his

BOXING: WBC CHAMPION ADOPTS AGGRESSIVE STANCE TO COUNTER CHALLENGE OF AKINWANDE

Lewis seeks to turn defence into attack

and at one point led the race Italian team-mates to chase down the Frenchman. With a weary Gouvenou finally recaptured on the undulating approach to Viré, an attack came from Laurent Jalabert, the world No I, of France.

fear and anxiety going into

this fight. I am not confortable at all."

Lewis is technically one of

the best heavyweights around

and for most of the seven weeks of training he has been

trying to allay Steward's fears.

The trainer, however, was not

happy about his tendency to

wait for openings against his

sparring partners. Steward

wants Lewis to nullify Akinwande's jab by taking charge immediately and

rary panic in the main field, but the straight, rolling roads leading to the finish put paid to his surprise attack.

With the memory of the crash in Forges-les-Eaux the previous day, one of the big-gest in the history of the Tour, still fresh in many minds, most intrigue centred on tensions between the defending champion, Bjarne Riis, of Denmark, and his young German team-mate. Jan Ullrich, who was second overall in the Tour last year. Riis angrily rounded on his largely Ger-

TOUR DETAILS.

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LEADING OVERALL STANDINGS: 1, Cipolinn 11hr 15min 30sec: 2, Boardmen at 36sec; 3, J Ulmoh (Gar, TEL) at 35; 4, Tomorper (Switz, COP) at 41, 5, A Olarno (So, BAN) at 46, 6, L Jakbent (Fr, ONCE) at 48; 7, Baylavens at 48; 8, Zabel at 49, 9, T Steeks (Bel, MAP) at 50; 10, S Knaven (Holl, TVM) at 51 79 Other British: 79, Scandn at 2min 03sec.

man team for deserting him after the crash near the finish of stage two, which left Ullrich supposed team captain by almost a minute and a half on the overall classification

"Bjarne wasn't happy at a team member said. The problem was that the radios linking the riders were not working well so they didn't know that he needed help."

Boardman, meanwhile, was making good his promise to keep a low profile and stay out of trouble until the race reaches its next significant rendezvous, the brutal Pyrenean stage to Loudenvielle, where he intends to build on

inson or some great fighter to

entertain ourselves. Now you

have to come out and start

being the boss. You are a big.

strong kid and you've got

more talent than anyone else

and you have shown you can

take a punch in the [Ray] Mercer fight."

that he had faced tough

opponents since his Olympic

days. "You've got to come out

and be a man now," he told

Lewis. "You have to stop

analysing fights, you have to

stop playing the chess game by letting him commit himself

first. You have to come out

and be the boss from the first

bell." That was how it re-

mained in the Kronk gym by

the dusty roadside under the

pines in Big Bear until the last

On that day, last Thursday,

Lewis came in a good stone

lighter than when he met

McCall the second time. He

was suddenly all aggression

in sparring. The long arms of

his two sparring partners

day of training.

Steward reminded Lewis

A young woman of today

United Kingdom! Sweet Sixteen BBC2, 8.00pm

Isgard and Hawken are the unusual names of a sister and brother from Cornwall who have left home and share a flat in Lostwithiel. Isgard is only 16. Hawken is 18. Both are students. living on income support. Their father has long since decamped to San Francisco, where he lives as a hippy. Their mother has a South African boyfriend who thinks they are a couple of idlers who should go out and get a job. Despite her tender years isgard is enjoying her independence and has no desire to move back with mum. But she would like to have enough money to visit dad in California. As the film unfolds, she finishes with a boyline d. receives her GCSE results and tries to cope with the harsh imperative of paying the rent or finding a new home. It is an unusual angle on teenage development, realised with quiet skill.

Cosmetic surgery touches few people but fascinates many. At least Channel 5 must hope so, for Plastic Fantastic is destined for a 13-week run, it sounds like a lot of air time to fill, though with so many treatments available, from the familiar breast implants and liposuction to less well-known male chest enhancements, the show should not be stuck for material. It will follow 15 patients through their operations, starting with Sue, who is 39 and a nurse. She is having a full facelift with all the trimmings, which involves five hours of surgery and eight weeks in bandages. She is undeterred by a previous facelift which went so wrong she pretended she had been in a car crash. Women who have the treatment say how good it makes them feel, while Susie Orbach and Emma Nicholson bat for the sceptics.

Ainsley's Barbetue Bible BBC2, 8.30pm

It is hard to recall a cookery series devoted entirely to the barbecue so perhaps we really have something new in an overcrowded genre. Ainsley Harriott, the burly, beaming presenter, is far from new, having starred numerous times on Ready. new, having starred numerous times on Ready. Steady, Cook. But he is always good company.

Flamboyant chef Harriott (BBC2, 8.30pm)

shamelessly extrovert without quite going over the top. The budget for the series was obviously generous, for Harriott manages to get to Australia, Thailand, South Africa, Jamaica and Greece. But Thailand, South Africa, Jamaica and Greece. But he starts, more modestly, on a huge allotment in Birmingham, where the gardeners not only grow exotic crops: but like to barbecue them as well. Harriott is on hand to help and enthuse and in between his impersonation of a song-and-dance man with fleas in his pants he manages to give us a beginner's guide to cooking on coals.

Casual followers of football may be forgiven for concluding that when a big football club wants new players it simply gets out the cheque book. But new players it simply gets out the cheque book. But there is another way of finding stars. Malcoim Brinkworth's documentary goes to Chelsea and focuses on 16-year-old apprentices hoping for fame and fat salaries in the Premier League. The young sters try to convince the stern and expletive-rich youth team coach, Graham Rox, that they have the talent and character to make it. Much of their time is spent on chores such as cleaning boots but they get on to the field as well, notably for a tournament in Spain. It is the sternest possible test as they leak goals, lose their cool and provoke Rix into furious dressing downs. One of the boys is soon in the first team but most are destined to take their footballing ambitions no further.

Peter Waymark

The return of this excellent programme about issues affecting ethnic minorities in Britain is to be

welcomed, for its last run demonstrated that there are ways to present ethnic programming which will attract black, Asian and white audiences. The

presenter Trevor Phillips does much to make the material inclusive rather than exclusive and he

The subjects under discussion in this series will include gospel music in the UK and the "glass

RADIO CHOICE

The Rise and Fall of the House of Hammer Radio 2, 9.30pm

For decades Hammer Films was about as British as the British film industry was, or is, likely to get. There are rumours that Hammer, much like something from one its scripts, may be about to climb out of the coffin and terrorise us once again. Be that as it may, Hammer at least warrants the recognition afforded by a decent radio document-ary, which this is. Mark Kermode, horror buff and film critic, presents the programme and talks to several of Hammer's founders, including Anthony Hinds, partners and producer of many of its Hinds, part-owner and producer of many of its films. The screenwriter Jimmy Sangster and the director Freddie Francis also talk about the early days, in which Hammer used butcher's officuts for what Hollywood now calls special effects.

says that, in the last series, many Radio 4 listeners discovered black ancestors they never knew they had. One of the strengths of the programme is that it covers arts subjects as well as social issues, which helps alleviate the risk of sounding heavy handed

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Radio 4, 8.30pm

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TALK RADIO

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CLASSIC FM

4.00am Mark Griffith's 6.00 Alan Mann 9.00 Henry Kelly 1.00pm Concerto. Cuentz (Flute Concerto in G major); Vieux-temps (Cello Concerto No 1 in A minor, Op. 46) 3.00 Jamie Crick 7.00 Newsnight 7:30 Sonata. Locatell (Sonata for Two Flutes in E major, Op 5 No 3) 8.00 Evening Concert. Carl Orff (Carmina Burana, excerpts); Pany (I Was Glad / Jerusalem); Vaughan Williams (The Lark Ascending; The Old Hundredth; A Sea Symptomy) 10.00 Michael Mappin 2.00am Concerto IV)

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VIRGIN RADIO

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6.00am On Air, with Andrew McGregor, Includes Ravel (Le Tombeau de Coupenn), Beethoven (Piano Trio in D. Op 70 No 1, Ghost); Chopin (Ballade No 2 in F. Op 38): Bach (Organ Concerto in D minor, BW/1052); Gleire (Concert Waltz); Milhaud (Suite:

bry viologi; baser (Concert watz); winaud (State: The Belts)

9.00 Morning Collection, with Pater Hobday, Indudes Serlioz (Overture, King Lear); Handel (Laccia la Spina, il Tronfo del Tempo e del Disinganno); Gershwn (An Amencan in Parts); Mozart (Symphony No 31 in D. K297)

10.00 Musical Endoumiers, with Chris de Souza, Includes Sibelius (Karelia Sufe); Militaud (Catalogue des Pieurs), Lloyd (A Litany, Part 1); Divorak (Bagaselles); Lloyd (A Litany, Part 2); Poncheis (Quartet in B fiat); Kodaly (Dances from Galanta), Maw (Roman Canticle)

12.00 Composers of the Week: Early Spenish Music 1.00pm News; City of London Sintonia, Live from the Church of Si Giles, Cropplegate, London; With Thelma Owen, harp, and the conductor Richard Hickox, Debusy (Dance Sacree et Danse Protane), Dutilleux (Mystere de l'Instant); Honegoer (Symphony No 2)

2.00 Voloes; Meet the Royale, Lain Burnside goes walkabout with royally ()

2.00 Volces: Meet the Royals, Iain Burnside goes walkabout with royally (r)
2.45 The BBC Orchestras, BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra, under Osmo Vanske, Neisen (Overture: Maskerade): Strawnsky (Jeu de Cartes); Beethoven (Symphony No 5 in C minor)
4.00 Spirit of the Age, Michelene Wandor and Richard Lucket look at the life and work of the harpschordst Violet Gordon Woodhouse (r)
5.00 Muste Machine, Tommy Pearson looks at the sound structure created by the group Dangerous Kitchen and their instruments

5.15 In Turns. Main Nicholson Introduces a special edition from the York Early Music Festival, With guests Robert King and Helen Neeves and Judith Curnold who sing Handel's Italian Duels 7.30 Pebble Mill. The pianist Boris Berezovsky performs Mediner (Fairy Tales: in C sharp minor. Op 35 No 4; in C minor, Op 42 No 2; in F minor, Op 14 No 1) 8.15 The Russian Plano School. Stephen Johnson and Gerard McBurney discuss the virtuosity of Rachmaninov. Scriabin and Mediner 8.35 Concert, part two Scriabin and Mediner 8.35 Concert, part two Scriabin (Twelve Studies, Op 8)

9.30 Edmand Burke: The Orpheus Thaty Salled with the Argonauris. Gordon S. Wood. Professor of History at Brown University, looks at Burke's support for the American colonists (2/5)

9.50 BBC Orchestras. BBC Philharmonic, under Yan Pascal Tortelier. Berlicz (Overture: Waverley); Britten (Passacaglia, Peter Grimes); Welton (Symphony No 2)

10.45 Night Waves. Richard Coles reviews The White House Cantale by Leonard Bernstein, premiered lonight at the Barbican in London

11.30 Composers of the Week: Schola Cantorum (r)

12.30cm. Jezz Motes. Digby Fairweather introduces a studio session from the Tina Mey Quartet and the Locrian Shing Quartet.

1.00 Through the Night, with Donald Macleod. Includes 1.00 Cherubini Quartet performs Haydn (Shing Quartet in B flat. Op 76 No 4, Surrise).

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5.55am Shipping Forecast (LW) 6.00 News Briefing 6.10 Famming Today 6.25 Prayer for the Day 6.30 Today, Includes Thought for the Day 8.58 Weather 9.00 News 9.05 Cell Edward Stourton. Telephone 0171-580 4444 with your questions for the guest of the day 10.00 News; The Ritinners and Riders of Guilling Power (FM). A visit to Peter Scudamore's racing stables of the Cotswold village of Guilling Power where the entire community are passionate about horses.

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10.00 Daily Service (LW)

10.15 On This Day (LW)

10.30 Woman's Hour, with Jenn Murray

11.30 Medicine Now. The weekly guide to the latest developments in health care with Geoff Wetts

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3.00 The Atternoon Shift, with Daire Brehan Includes the continuation of the A-Z of youth culture

4.00 News 4.05 Kateldoscope, Paul Vaughen profes Jack London, the author of The Call of the Wild 4.45 Short Story: A Safe Pair of Handa, by John F McNamara. Read by Kerry Shale 5.00 PM, with Charlie Lee Potter and Chris Lowe 5.50 Shipping Forecast 5.55 Weather 6.00 Str O'Clock News 6.30 People Life Us. The perutitimate cornedy leaturing Chris Langham as the hapless broadcaster Roy Mallard. This week he speculates an what it is Rice to be a modern police officer (f) 7.00 News 7.05 The Archers 7.20 File on 4. Reports on topical issues presented by Justin Rowalt 8.00 Science Now, Peter Evans presents the latest results sent to Earth from the Pathfinder Mans probe which landed last week (f) 8.30 in Living Colour. See Choice 9.00 in Touch. Peter White with news and leatures for visually impaired people 9.30 Kaledoscope (f) 9.59 Weather 10.00 The World Tonight, with Isabel Hilton 10.45 Book at Bedtime Capitaln Corelli's Mandarin Louis de Semiéres's epic tale, abridged by Alison Joseph and read by Robert Powell (2/15) 11.00 Mediummarva. A review of the week's media events with Vincent Henne (f) 11.30 A View from Abroad (FM). The Czech poet and minumologist Minostay Holub remembers a very British journey to freedom (8/6) (f) 11.30 Today in Parliament (LW). A roundup of the day's news from Westminster 12.00 News incl 12.27am approx Westmer House, by Ekzabeth Bradbuy, Reed by Lorelet King (7/10) 12.48 Shipping Forecast 1.00 As World Service

FROM SRIKUMAR SEN, BOXING CORRESPONDENT, IN LAKE TAHOE nights. Akinwande nights,

hem that followed the bou between Evander Holyfield and Mike Tyson ten days ago in Las Vegas, Lennox Lewis and Henry Akinwande arrived at this resort yesterday hardly noticed by the 4th of July holiday crowds preparing to go home.

Lewis flew in from Big Bear Lake, California, to defend his World Boxing Council heavy-weight title on Saturday with his trainer, Emanuel Steward: Akinwande and his trainer. Don Turner, came up from Carson City, down the road from here, where 100 years ago another Briton. Bob

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heavyweight crown. Both champion and challenger were said by their trainers to be around 240lb. Lewis lighter by about 10lb. while Akinwande has put on weight. Both sides were quietly confident of victory. Lewis said: "Akinwande is hoping to

make his name at my expense. I can't allow that." Akinwande, who now boxes under an American licence. said: "They |the critics| put me down in London, but on Saturday I will show them." Lewis is the favourite, but

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many knowledgeable Americans believe that Akinwande last night?" Steward said. "But seriously, I have a lot of

can cause an upset. Particularly disturbing for Lewis supporters was the concern that he might not be able to change in time from his cautious approach to controlled aggression from the first bell.

Steward now believes that Lewis is ready, but a week ago he was not sure if he could get him to change his attitude in time. Even the bracing air of Big Bear Lake, 7.500 feet up in the San Bernardino range could not help Steward to

sleep soundly. "I stayed up the first night until 1.30. I watched a complete montage of Akinwande's fights and I could not sleep after that," Steward said. "I was so impressed with his talent. I had underestimated him. His nimbleness and natural co-ordination were unbelievable, particularly for

such a big guy."
Steward maintained that the 6ft 7in height and long reach of the Dulwich heavyweight not only made him an awkward opponent, but also a dangerous one. Akinwande is particularly dangerous, according to Steward, because he is "a scared fighter".

Steward said: "He's just scared enough of Lennox to be dangerous. Akinwande has a good jab but, because he is scared, he jabs and pulls away very quickly and then, when you least expect it. he lands an explosive right hand. He is a very difficult fighter to

Steward said that Courtney Shand, Lewis's conditioner, still teased him about his preoccupation with Akinwande. "He says 'Manny, Manny, it wasn't one of those

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contend with.



lenger's defence Steward could not forget how nervous Lewis was before he faced McCall for the second time. Steward said: Before his second fight with McCall. Lennov spent a lot of time watching Oliver Mc-Call's videotapes. I said: Don't worry about him, that man is dead and gone. The fighter you fought doesn't exist any more. I wouldn't use him as a sparring partner.

failed to keep him at bay. One of them. Al Hassan, a 6ft 7in Ghanaian, whose jab had all along presented a serious obstacle, now fell back in disarray as Lewis's blows landed on his ribs and face. Particularly impressive was breaking through the chal-

a double uppercut to the body and head that sent Hassan reeling backwards. Steward quickly stepped in between the two men and called a halt. "He's ready," Steward said. "You will remember that Holyfield, too, had trouble getting his boxing together when he fought Tyson the first time, but suddenly he was just right. That's how it is with Lennox Steward did not smile, but

you knew that a weight had been lifted off his mind.

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aving watched last week's values. Young people today are not the school uniform department at television coverage of the like their parents. They're not Harrods and Peter Jones. Hong Kong handover to China, I found it hard not to come away with the feeling that some unnamed threat hung over Hong Kong's capitalist future, that the disheartening regime in Peking might yet grab the first excuse to renege on its promise of "One country, two systems. But, from Mao's New Suit (Channel 4, last night), it is clear that China has been operating a floorishing system of "one country, two systems"

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at home for some time already. Guo Pei and her schoolfriend Sun Jian - young, self-employed fashion designers who would no more wear a Mao suit than bind their own feet — belong to a new generation of Chinese who are being quietly left alone to get on and make money. Guo Pei carns more in two months than her parents did in their whole working lives, "so they can't understand our

interested in politics. They want to make money, do business and advance their careers. They won't sacrifice their lives to politics. They won't give up their ambitions. Those days are gone.".

The change has been dramatic even in the ten years since Guo Pei first started her working life, in a children's clothing factory. "Back then women's fashion was heavily influenced by politics. Low-cut dresses were out. Everyone was just following the rules. They did what they were told. What a shame we in England missed our on that phase when clothes were "heavily influenced" by politics. Maybe it isn't too late. Imagine the "Blair Suit": he would insist on the same design for everyone in the party — but, hey, it would be a modern design. The Hague Suit, with turnups that fall just above the knee, would be available from

the energy of these two girls made life in BBCl's Omnibus on Hampstead Garden Suburb look safe but sultry. The 100-year-old Suburb was the idea of Dame Henrietta Barnett, a Victorian philanthropist who wanted to rescue Landoners from the squalid East End. Inspired by the Garden City Movement, she hought an estate "so that all classes could live in neighbourliness together". Any quirky rules, Henrie! ta, such as no pubs, no commerce, and no walls or fences between the different classes, just hedges? Now that you mention it, all of those.

urb's Neighbourhood Watch coordinator, 38 years a resident, former Royal Marine - might come up to you and say. Ah, Cyril. Here is your free Neighbourhood Now, of course, 200ming house Watch quiz, which you can do in the comfort of your own home, and prices, and the tranquillity created by not having drunks wandering if you get all the answers right, you around at chuck-out time on Friday nights, have made the area can congratulate yourself on being ever so middle-class and genteel. a very worthy citizen!" (What, no The sort of gentility whereby Peter cash? Can you imagine: Well

correctly," says Camelot, "You are

a jolly worthy player."

Lord McGregor of Durris, former chairman of the Hampstead Garden Supuro Trust and of the Press Complaints Commission. confesses. If thought it was a nasty, stuffy, suburban-looking place, and that, of course, is what it is." Let me explain: he says this as a compliment.

Excitement has finally reached the Suburb in the form of a proposal by orthodox Jews to establish an eruv, a notional boundary that sets out an area within which you can carry personal items such as keys and prayer books and in which you can push prams or wheelchairs on the Sabbath. It has met heavy local opposition: one subush, two factions But genteel factions, Sharon Maguire's documentary - cutting between renearsals for the amateur

tions for a boy's bar mitzvah, an old lady whose hobby of feeding pigeons upsets her neighbours was beautifully filmed. It was lyrically spliced together to give a sense of the area's pulse. The trouble is, the area has a slow pulse, it was all very preny, but there was something lacking - as with the Suburb itself. You could feel your own breathing rate slow, the more you delved.

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hat this community needs is for Tony Kearsley, from Boiton, to move in with his family. Families. Tony has five children, two of them by his girlfriend, Sharon. Tony the subject of I Just Wanna Be Joe Public, the latest in BBC2's United Kingdom season - is a convicted armed robber in his mid-thirties. After spending most of the past 15 years behind bars, he wants to gu straight. This is proving tough for someone who stabbed his own

eight stitches") and who is finding it hard to find a job because he is doodled in tattoos ('People see it and they know straight away, like. Obviously someone who's been in jail or a stupid idiot.")

But his real skill in the Suburb would be in ending all intercommunity bickering, such as the dispute over the eruy. He has a tried and trusted technique, which we learnt about when Sharon suggests that "no man should hit a woman". Tony disagrees: "Some women need a slap. They do. When I was with that Lena and that, she had a mouth on her that she just wouldn't shut up. Like if we're having an argument and I say, right, that's it, shurrup or I'm gonna smack you - you know, common sense tells you to shut up. But I don't think a lot of women have got a lot of common sense." He doesn't mean Dame Henriet-

BBC1

6.00am Business Breekfast (68717) 7.00 BBC Breekfast News (1) (63175) 9.00 Breekfast News Extra (1) (3688682) 9.20 Ready, Steady, Cook (r) (1) (1019088) 9.50 Kilroy (1) (5781156) 10.30 Who'll Do the Pudding? (21525)

11.00 News (1) and weather (7272934) 11.05 Due South (7358066) 11.50 Good Neighbours (2299717) 12.09 News (1) Regional News and weather

12.00pm Call My Bluff (6437175) 12.35 Neighbours (1) (8185934) 1.00 News (T) and weather (33934)

1.30 Regional News (42/80205)
1.40 Perry Mason: The Case of the Ruthless Reporter (1991) A television reporter is faisely accused of murdering a presenter. With Raymond Burr (r) (1) (3892243)

3.10 Quincy The medical profession close ranks around a doctor whose young patient died while undergoing an abortion (r) (966415B).

(7) (9004 130) 4.00 Popeye (7) 138798) 4.10 Rugrets (4547885) 4.35 Round the Twist (8232224) 5.00 Newsround (T) (1378392) 5.10 Activ-8 (T) (4966205) 5.35 Neighbours (1) (1) (161311)

6.00 News (T) and weather (595): 6.30 Regional News (175) 7.09 Summer Holiday A fly-crive to Toronto, Montreal and the Niagara Falis; an all-inclusive holiday in Majorca; and cruising.

the Norfolk Broads (T) (3408) 7.30 EastEnders An almighty bout of fisticulis could be on the cards as hard-nosed Grant and boxing promoter George clash

8.00 Driving School Trainee police driver Tom hits the skids as his course nears completion; Maggle hopes her test result will enable her to drive the compety car, and Rick's determined efforts are threat-

ened by a lack of funds (1) (2156) ---8.30 Only Fools and Horses Del seizes a once-in-a lifetime opportunity to improve his social standing (r) (T) (1663) 9.00 News (T) and weather (3243) -

are raised by news of a huge insurance payout to the family of a water pollution victim (1) (134971)

10.20 Crimewatch UK Viewers are called on to help identify the murderer who savagely attacked Lin Russell and her six-year-old daughter feaving only nine-year-old Josie alive on a walk frome from school. And the robbers of a Liverpool bank are sought (1) (465069)

11.05 You Decide John Hatmoniye Invites a studio audience to debete whether hunting with dogs should be banned. A phone in vote decides the final verdict (T)

esterone as reat pro-lates 12.00 Crimewatch UK Update (5657422) 12.10am Montana (1990). Contemporary western with Flichard Crema and Gena Rowlands as a feuding could lighting over their beloved ranch. Directed by William A. Graham (2657996) 1.40 Weather (2690489)

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BBC2

6.00am Open University: The University of Salamance (7262156) 6.25 Ferrara Planning the Ideal City (7241663) 6.50 Religion and Society (6472717)

7.15 See Heer Breaklast News (T and signing) (6127972) 7.30 The Moontes (r) (7246330) 7.55 Get Your Own Back (r) (T) (6187682) 8.20 The Brollys (r) (5865663) 8.35 The Record (2787332) 9.00 Warner Brothers Carbon (r) (5997576) 9.10 The Phil Silvers Show (r) (1097866) 9.35 Great Mysteries and Myths of the 20th Century (2775408)

10.30 Song of the Road (1937, b/w) Drama with Bransby Williams, directed by John Baxter (9864040)

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Litvak (47480663) 5.55 Turning Points (r) (815156) 5.00 Fresh Prince of Bel Air (r) (191088)



Disabled actor Jamie (7.10pm)

7.10 United Kingdom! The world of a touring theatre from the alternative perspective of a disabled thesplan (T) (555682) 7.30 Home Ground Investigation into a possible miscarriage of justice (r) (T) (601) WALES: Week in Week Out: Welsh Education Bill

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Harnott reveals all you need to know about eating at freeco (T) (9205) 9.00 The Naked Spur (1953) A western tribute

to the late James Stewart in which he plays a ruthless bounty hunter on the trail of a killer (Robert Ryan). Directed by Anthony Mann (2514) 10.28 UK Image (226069)

10.30 Newsnight (T) (416953) 11.15 500 Bus Stops The stresses and strains of touring begin to overwhelm John Shuttleworth (854068)

11.45 X Philes (882791) 11.55 Weather 12.00 The Michight Hour (27227) 12.30 Learning Zone: The Jerk and the Journe 1.00 Clinical Trials 1.30 Only Four Colours 2.00 Great Outdoors Collections 4.00 Teaching with IT 4.30 Film Education 5.00 Inside Europe 5.30

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HTV

6.00am GMTV (5577048) 9.25 Win, Lose or Draw & .T. (1003427) 9.55 Regional News (3356834) 10.00 The Time, the Place : 12953) 10.30 This Morning (Tr (94293576)

12.20pm Regional News (8749311) 12.30 News (T) and weather (\$111359) 12.54 HTV Crimestoppers (49663822) 12.55 Shortland Street (2189750) 1.25 Home

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6.25 HTV Weather (901345) 6.30 The West Tonight (1) (243) 7.00 Emmerdale Chris delivers some bad news to Bitf (T) (8576) 7.30 Take 3 Current atlairs locussing on

issues affecting the region (427) 8,00 The Bill A former porn actress's past returns to haunt her when it looks as it her younger sister could be in danger (T)



Hypnofist Paul McKenna (8.30pm)

8,30 The Paranormal World of Pau McKenna Experts give their opinions on two photographs which supposedly depict ghostly apparitions (T) (6359)

9.00 Murder Squad: The Murder of Raymond Folks Cameras follow officers of the Metropolitan Police as they tackle 1.15 Pingu (25363750)

10.00 News (1) and weather (85224) 10.30 Regional News (T) (807311) 10.40 The London (r) (T) (981682)

11.40 New York News Cornedy drama about an American newspaper. Billy's front-page exclusive is threatened when his

source refuses to collaborate his information. With Mary Tyler Moore and Madeline Kahn (840156) 12.40am Dating the Enemy (5392977)

1.40 Late and Loud (9629977) 2.40 The Chart Show (r) (6549083) 3.35 International Motor Racing (r) (T) 4.30 The Time, the Place (r) (52083)

5.00 Heirloom (r) (38915)

5.30 News (98712)

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3.40 The Big Match Replayed @556118; 4.20 Central Jobfinder '97 1883,1838 5.20 Asian Eye (9544530):

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the drama series about a Liverpool family (T) (59972) **1.30** Australia Wild (r) (35253) 2.00 Racing from Newmarket Brough Scott introduces live coverage of the 2.05, 2,35, 3.05 and 3.40 races (2866)

4.00 Fifteen-to-One (T) (156) 4.30 Countdown (T) (6226663) 4.55 Ricki Lake (f) (T) (2196446) 5.30 Pet Rescue RSPCA inspectors look at cases of animals being kept in confined

spaces (r) (T) (392) 6.00 Friends: The One When Rachel Finds Out Rachel discovers by accident that Ross has held a torch for her for years and decides to date him. Will she be disappointed? Last in the series (r) (T)

6.30 Tour De France The 224km stage from Vire to Olumelec (885) 7.00 Channel 4 News (T) Includes headlines

and weather at 7.30 (924934) 7.50 Chester Mystery Plays God destroys his creation by flood (975682)

8,00 Trial and Error Live A new studio show asking viewers for help in investigating cases of people who say they have been Jessel and Fi Glover (5866)

R 20 Brookside There is a new addition to the Corkhill family and Mick runs into trouble



Hopefuls Clement and Morris (9pm)

9.00 CHOICE True Stories; Football Dreams The schoolboys who join the YTS Trainee Scheme at Chelsea Football Club including Neil Clement and professional contract (T) (2523885)

10.20 Trauma The role of paramedics (245934) 10.50 Gas Comedy showcase for new talent (2/8) (1) (953069)

11.25 A Bit of Scarlet (1994) A celebration of British lesbian and gay images directed by Andrea Weiss (T) (604866) 12.50em Family Life (1971) A powerful study of a 19-year-old girl's slide into schizophrenia. With Sandy Raicliff,

directed by Ken Loach (T) (118083) 2.50 Ricki Lake (r) (T) (4258267) 3.35 Mao's New Suit (r) (T) (5591354) 4.35 Tour De France (r) (50696422) 5.05 The Talking Show (r) (T) (4786644) 5.30 Beckdate (r) (T) (96354)

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3.30 Two Tickets to Broadway (1951) starring Tony Martin and Janet Leigh A missical about young hopefuls trying to make the big time on Broadway Directed by James V. Kem (9661224)

5.30 100 Per Cent (7730717) 8.00 Move on Up (T) (7720330)

6.30 Family Affairs Cash tells Maria not to get involved in Tim's case (T) (7711682) 7.00 Exclusive! Showbiz news and reviews

7.30 Treasure Islands A wildlife documentary about Lundy Island, Britain's first manne nature reserve (T) (7717866)



Sue reflects her surgeon (8pm)

8.00 Plastic Fantastic A new series putting cosmetic Sue Raphaeli prepares for a major facelift operation due to be performed by Mr Jan Stanket (6096069)

8.30 5 News (6075576) 9.00 Poltergeist: The Legacy — Do Not Go Gently starring Martin Cummins. Nick investigates some sinister goings-on in a

city hospital (T) (6538885) 9.50 Poltergeist: The Legacy — The Crystal Scabard A man offers up his own body and soul to save the life of his terminally-ill daughter (T) (3636514)

10.45 The Jack Docherty Show with guests Marcolm MacDowell, Samantha Janus, Neil Pearson and Lord Bath (1532359) 11.30 Prisoner: Cell Block H (6984595) 12.30am Live and Dangerous Live coverage of the Major League baseball's Ali Star

4.40 The Streets of San Francisco staming Karl Maiden (6327199)

5.30 100 Per Cent (r) (3071118)

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10.00 Commendo (1985) (3133934)
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(5056176) 1.20em The Public Eye (1971)
(6417977) 2.55 Murder at the Gellop
(1963) (85257373) 4.20 The Body
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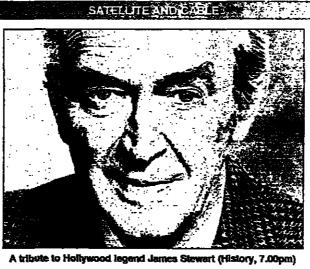
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Atherton remains upbeat after Australia complete emphatic triumph to level series

England retreat to lick their wounds

By Alan Lee, cricket correspondent

quicker to the situations that

Chastened he may be, but

Atherton was far from downcast as the series reached its midway point at 1-1. One of the

contrary quirks of Atherton's nature is that he is invariably

at his most animated in adver-

sity, and this was certainly the

case yesterday. He sat erect,

smiled and spoke positively

You are never going to dominate a team like Austra-

lia throughout a series and we

have to hold our hands up and

admit they outplayed us here,"

he said. "But I feel very

confident we can bowl them

out twice and that we can win

at least one of the next three

Importantly, he said it as if he meant it. His next job, and

that of the coach, David Lloyd,

is to impress such belief upon

the players, some of whom

looked careworn in this

match. An extra week's grace before the next Test is a benefit, as is the scope and

intention to gather the squad

different story."

and lucidly.

OLD TRAFFORD (final day of five): Australia beat Eng-land by 268 runs

THE measure of a team, as Michael Atherton emphasised yesterday, is how they react to a setback. After the manner and margin of their defeat in Manchester, Atherton's England must react with impressive strength and speed if the Ashes dream is not to suffer a familiar fate.

Australia completed the formalines of victory in the third Combill Test at 12.30pm, before a surprisingly large crowd taking advantage of free admission. England's remaining five wickets had added 70 runs, but an ignominisulated in the moment when John Crawley, 17 short of a valiant century, trod on his

England were overwhelmed here, and the worst of it is that it happened with conditions in their lavour. They could not have asked for a better pitch to bowl on last Thursday or for

conditions on Friday, but Ausright conditions, but we batted tralia made too many runs ourselves into a hole. Negative is a strong word, and England way too few.

Once that had happened, the rest was preordained. There was no coming back. "You have to take your opportunities in this game and we missed ours." Atherton said. We had the best of the pitch to bowl and bat on in the first innings and I would like to have seen us with a 100-run

England's theory was sound enough. They wanted to bowl first when the pitch was damp. which suited their attack more than Australia's. Two things went awry - their own firstinnings batting was dreadful and the dry, bare ends of the pitch, a prevailing problem on the Old Trafford square, played into the hands of the

best leg spinner in the world, thereby justifying Mark Tay-lor's audacious decision to bat "Our game-plan was to bowl them out cheaply and get a decent lead," the England captain said. We had the right team for the plan and the

> at Headingley a day earlier England's first defeat in eight Tests was never likely to be delayed beyond lunchtime yesterday and Taylor immediately set his two best bowlers upon the dregs of the batting. Warne should have hastened the end when Crawley, on 68, short leg, but it was Glenn McGrath who led on the cheap pickings.

Bowling at a sustained and distinctly sharp pace from the Stretford End, McGrath first had Mark Ealham caught behind. The one-handed take, low to his right, was but one feature of an exemplary display by Healy. It ended a sixth-wicket stand of 74 of which Ealham, in 98 minutes of vigilant resistance, had

Without yet doing anything exceptional. Ealham has proved himself a resolute and adaptable cricketer. The suspicion persists that he may not

> aving levelled the series. Australia will

their mid-tour "holiday". In

the next eight days, their

playing commitments are con-fined to one-day games against Minor Counties today

and Scotland on Saturday: the

rest of the time will be spent

relaxing. Sinking a few putts and "tinnies" is high on the

Only now that his side has

achieved parity is Mark Tay-

for willing to admit that he

has spent an uncomfortable

four weeks trailing in the

series. Now, he points out

bullishly, that Australia are actually ahead. "We hold the

Ashes," he said, "so at I-I we

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are really in front."

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be quite good enough either as barsman or bowler, the principal criterion for an all-rounder, but he has already batted a considerable time at the head of an otherwise submissive

confronted us. If we had made 300, it would have been a lower order. Robert Croft is a grave disappointment in this respect. Australia have identified a weakness against the short ball and are exploiting it mercilessly. McGrath, with a cannily set field, had him caught at leg gully, fending with head thrown back. He departed, by contrast, with head hung low, aware that he has a considerable problem to address.

Something similar might have been said about Crawley before his batting here. His first-innings scores in the sefour (Atherton, with two, one and five, is scarcely better), but he pre-empted any speculation about his place with an in-nings that was composed, fluent and technically accom-

It might be said that he made his runs under less pressure, the game being all but lost anyway, but this would be churlish reward for a player still clearly capable of better than he has delivered. He profited from some dross served up by Bevan and. yesterday, from Warne, but put away the bad balls with disdainful timing.

He would surely have made his third Test century if he had nor dualicated Atherton's dismissal at Lord's by going back too far and dislodging a bail with his right heel. McGrath then hit the off stump of a cavalier Gough, at which point he had taken four for 15 in 31 balls, and Warne appropriately wrapped things up, completing match figures of nine for III.

It was Australia's third successive win at Old Trafford and we know what happened after the previous two. Atherton is convinced that it will not happen again. "I back my players." he said, "and I would put good money with the bookies that we have the same squad for Headingley."

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matters still causing the tour-ing party concern. Michael

Bevan must find ways of

shoring up his confidence in

the matches against Glamor-gan and Middlesex that pre-

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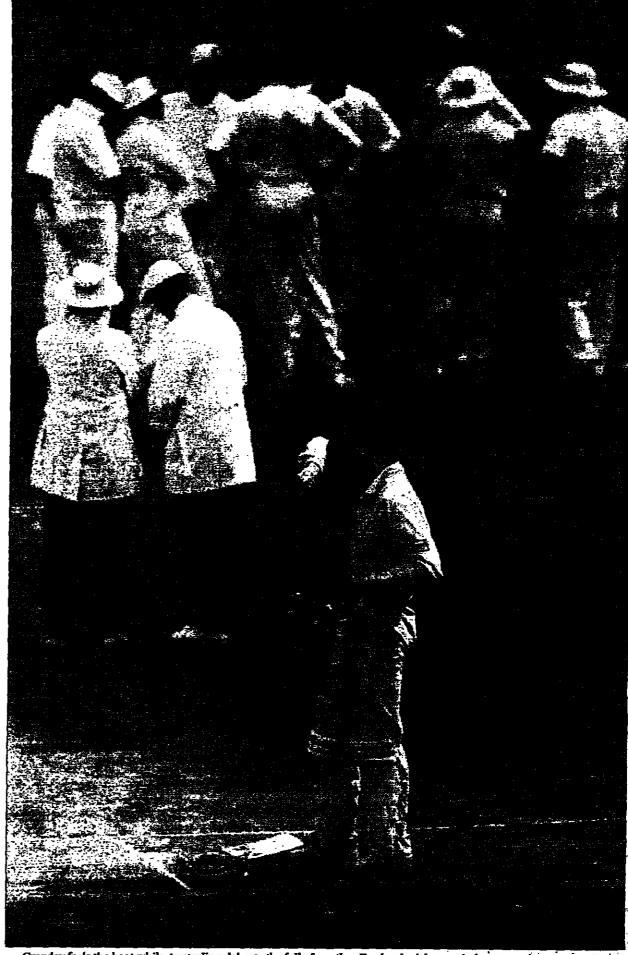
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Simon Wilde senses growing optimism in the

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Crawley feels the heat while Australia celebrate the fall of another England wicket on their way to victory yesterday

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Taylor is brimming with satisfaction as the Australia

captain leads his team from the field at Old Trafford

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in which he did not bowl at his best, but he still commanded respect and, in this game, found his rhythm and got us into a position where we could

permission to fly to Mel-bourne today to spend a few days with his wife. Simone, win the game. "Do not get me wrong. I thought about bowling and was 50-50 until the morning of the game. What swung me third Test began. Taylor yesterday defended his decision to bat first on a was the last rolling the pitch received at about 10.20am which made it look more like. the one in 1993. I said to the guys that we would be batting and that it was going to be tough. But I liked our chances

bowling last."
In fact, without Waugh's heroic batting and a pronounced change in the wea-ther that turned the pitch in Warne's favour, the match might have taken a very different course. Taylor could easily have been left with egg on his face and Australia with a very loose grip on the Ashes.

s Waugh sat alongside A Taylor at the press conference yesterday and listened to his explanation. Australia's vice-captain appeared to appreciate these facts. The least Taylor could do, then, was to speak glowingly of Waugh's contribution and this he did. He also praised the batting of Reiffel. who helped Waugh in a vital stand of 70 for the eighth wicket in the first innings, and the wicketkeeping of the helmeted Healy on a cratered pitch. "I know I am biased." Taylor said, "but he must be the best in the world."

For all the talk of Warne, it was Gillespie and McGrath, who has now taken 18 wickets in the series, who did most of the damage on the fourth and fifth days. England's seamers began the match by outbuwling their counterparts but, with the notable exception of Headley, finished up very much second best.



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